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Lord Goodman advised the group of businessmen who gave £65,000 to end strike

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The payment allowed the sequestrators to release the union's funds, thus ending a national strike of engineers. Leading members of the Conservative Party yesterday expressed disquiet at the implications of this method of resolving the dispute.

Government were kept informed

a Staff Reporter

The leader of the group of sinessmen who made the onymous donation of £65,000 said to be a leading figure of questionable standing, totally n-political, in no way con-cted with the Government d in no way connected with Scanlon.

He and his group *decided to* main anonymous, partly from eneral dislike of publicity, but o because they did not want seem to be putting either the vernment or the engineering ion under an obligation.

Apparently the leader of the up approached Lord Good-n with the proposal of making payment a few days ago. rd Goodman is believed to ve told him that his con-sions with the Newspaper blishers Association and the vernment would make it possible for him to act for the nors, but that if he could help, would.

Lord Goodman's advice seems have been that the matter s one for the court, which uld either accept the dona-n or not, and that it would no circumstances be right for e donors to make a payment ect to the union.

In fact, when they made their proach to the court the sinessmen did not know what e response of the union would or whether the strike would called off.

After they had seen Lord odman, the businessmen re-ned other lawyers who instruc-d counsel. After the strike was ded Lord Goodman negotiated th the Government as chair-n of the NPA, but he did not gotiate with the Government behalf of the businessmen.

Lord Goodman did keep the vernment informed of what s going on but they in no way ught to influence the business-en's operation.

After the original group had en formed there was some uvassing of other business-n, some of them in the engin-ring industry, and some addi-nal support was given, though ner companies refused. The arrangements for anonymity were such that the businessmen concerned were not told the names of other members of the group.

Conservatives "disturbed": Mr Heath and other leading Conservatives are profoundly disturbed by the implications of the £65,000 payment. (Our Political Staff writes).

In Government quarters it was being emphasized last night that Mr Wilson and the Government had not been told who the donors were. There was no knowledge of the number of people involved, thus there was no confirmation of reports that four industrialists were responsible.

Mr Heath, who has always insisted that the law has to be obeyed and that the National Industrial Relations Court must be treated on the same level as the High Court, has found the incident profoundly depressing.

In present circumstances, when it is suggested that it may have been possible for someone to speculate on the Stock Exchange in the knowledge that the payment would produce an increase in share prices, Mr Heath believes it to be undesirable that the donors should remain anonymous.

On the broader subject of respect for the law, he deplores the remarks, referring to Sir John Donaldson, made by Mr Foot, Secretary of State for Employment, in the debate on Tuesday.

In the House yesterday Mr Peyton, a former minister in the Conservative Government, asked Mr Foot if, as an act of courtesy, he would withdraw the remark about "some fool or trigger-happy judicial finger" letting off a barrage which could lead to industrial trouble because of the operation of the Industrial Relations Act, 1971. Mr Peyton said it did not lie well in the mouth of a responsible minister to make such a remark.

Mr Foot refused, saying that he was not going to accept instructions from Mr Peyton. His comment on the working of the Act had been dealt with quite properly by the Chair during the debate on Tuesday. It was an absurdity for Mr Peyton or anyone else to suggest that MPs should depart from the *rules of the House*.

Mr Heath deplores the way the Government is treating the upholding of the law. He thinks that Mr Foot's attempt to lay the blame for the recent industrial trouble on the law and those who administer it, instead of on the people who *deliberately defy the law, is* standing the whole basis of a civilized society on its head.

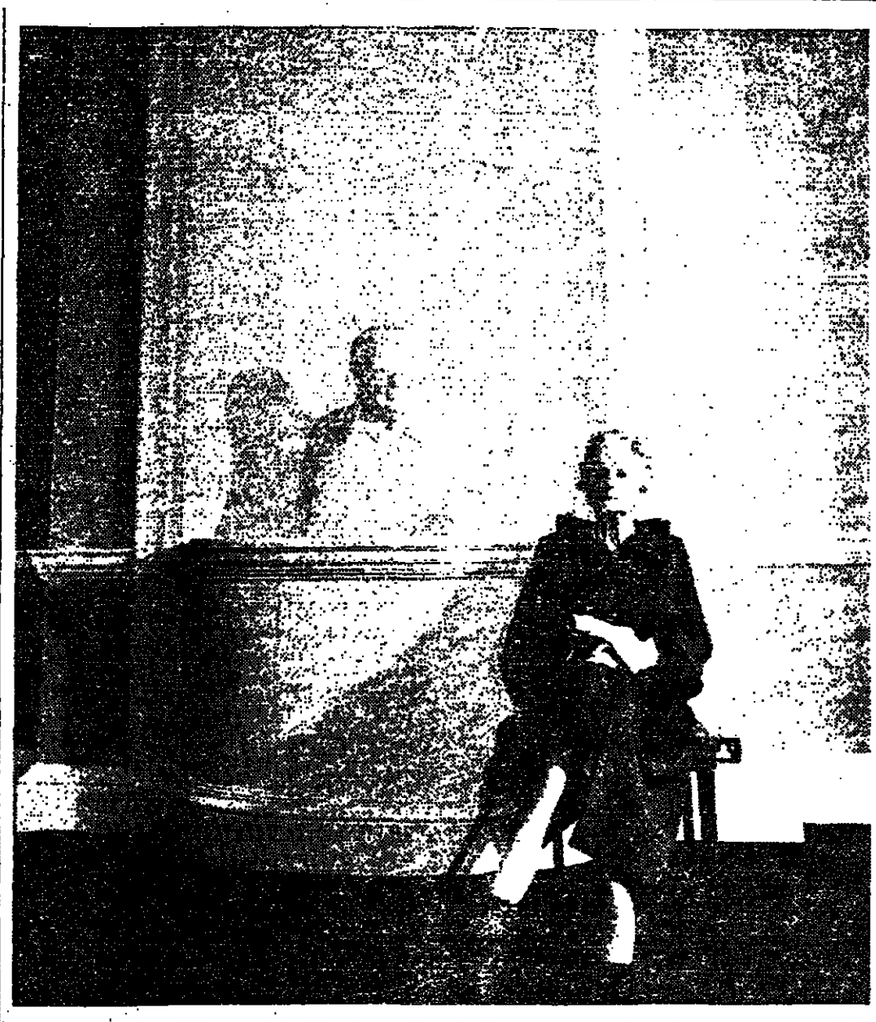
Two Conservative MPs, Mr Nicholas Budgen (Wolverhampton, South West), and Mr Malcolm Rifkind (Edinburgh, Pentlands), tabled a Commons motion last night criticizing Mr Foot for alluding to the president of the NIRC. Sir John Donaldson, in the phrase about a "trigger-happy judicial finger".

Under the heading, "Abuse of HM Judiciary", they condemn "the intemperate and abusive language" used by Mr Foot, and say that such references to judges are likely to undermine respect for law.

Mr Budgen said: "The minister misused the privilege of his position with an attack on a High Court judge, whose position denies him the right of reply. This is a most unfortunate precedent which must not be allowed to stand."



Lord Goodman . . . approached for advice by group of businessmen.



Lady Spencer-Churchill, seated beside a bust of her husband, awaiting the arrival of Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother for a private visit yesterday to the Churchill Centenary Exhibition at Somerset House [Report, page 4].

President Nixon faces growing Republican demand for resignation

From Fred Emery
Washington, May 9

With the call for President Nixon's resignation swelling, the formal congressional hearings to determine whether grounds exist to impeach him began simply today.

The House of Representatives' judiciary committee made a brief, solemn bow on live national television before recessing into closed session for the initial presentation of evidence. Hearings open to the public and television are expected to resume some 10 days from now. Meanwhile, the clamour from Republicans for the President to go is mounting.

The latest to speak up is Mr John Rhodes, the Republican leader in the House, who succeeded Mr Gerald Ford on his elevation to the vice-presidency. Mr Nixon's resignation would be "beneficial" to the party, Mr Rhodes said.

While the President could still operate effectively, he would have to reassess his position if the "erosion" continued, Mr Rhodes declared. He endorsed the disgust expressed earlier in the week by Senator Hugh Scott, the Republican minority leader, over the Watergate tape transcripts.

Mr Rhodes described the content of the transcripts as "devastating". While they might not provide firm evidence of crime, he suggested the President should consider whether they had caused "influential people" to change their view of him so radically that he could no longer serve effectively.

Mr Rhodes, like Senator Goldwater, who defected on Tuesday, is an Arizonan, and formerly a rock-ribbed Nixonian. The erosion of which he speaks is an understatement for some of the seismic movements underway. Such bastions as the *Chicago Tribune* and the Hearst newspapers have now turned thumbs down.

Vice-President Ford, speaking in Illinois today, gained an ovation when he said that the erosion of leadership had reached "crisis" proportions. "The time has come for persons in political life to face the truth and speak the truth", he declared.

Trying to soften the effects of his comments, Mr Rhodes suggested that the House was not yet ready to vote impeachment. With no sign of tongue-in-cheek he put it 31-49 against.

Pushing these figures over the cliff today was Mr John Anderson, the number three to Mr Rhodes in the Republican hierarchy in the House. He flatly predicted that Mr Nixon would not finish his term—only impeachment or resignation left him.

Mr Ford referred in his speech to a "grave situation" caused "by a continuous series of revelations and reports of corruption, malfeasance and wrongdoing in the federal government". He omitted any reference to his earlier expressed belief in Mr Nixon's Watergate innocence.

A member of Mr Nixon's Cabinet, Mr Rogers Morton, Secretary of the Interior, said he was having a difficult time living with a "breakdown in our national leadership".

White House spokesmen, buffeted by these speeches and renewed reports that the President has been plunged into another fit of deep depression and violent expostulation, *could only put fingers in the dikes.*

The President would "not quit even if Hell freezes over", said Mr Ken Clawson, who carries the title of Director of White House Communications—a propaganda office.

The official press spokesman, Mr Gerald Warren, insisted: "He is determined to remain in office". He retorted an emphatic "No" when asked if resignation "scenarios" were being chewed over in informal discussions between the President and his closest staff.

Mr Clawson tried to refute reports by Mr Carroll Kilpatrick in the *Washington Post* that the President showed signs of being psychologically depressed. But there were persistent reports that Mr Nixon blew up the other day on hearing Senator Scott express his disgust for the immoral political conduct he detected in the tape transcripts.

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Tories confident of amending Finance Bill

By Hugh Noyes
Parliamentary Correspondent
Westminster

Mr Carr, the shadow Chancellor, made clear in the Commons yesterday that however *kid-gloved the tactics of the* Opposition on the floor of the House may be the Conservatives will come out with all guns firing when they are faced with the Finance Bill in its committee stage. Still rankling from the charge made earlier by Mr Thorpe, the Liberal leader, that Tory whips had been locking their MPs in lavatories during divisions to avoid bringing down the Government, Mr Carr pledged that he would be pressing amendments vigorously.

He would press such amendments in the division lobbies where necessary "in the interests of the prosperity of the country and of fairness for various sections of the community".

But when Mr Carr went on to advise his troops to give the Bill its second reading yesterday without a division, Mr Pardoe, from the Liberal benches, told him it was time *that he led his men into the* lobby with determination. Mr Carr replied to the effect that it was not only Liberals who had important engagements elsewhere and that many Tory MPs who had been missing at division times had been all honourably absent.

Behind the scenes, Tory frontbenchers are fully confident of carrying at least some amendments. Mr Carr's guns are being trained on the income tax, corporation tax and personal allowance provisions in the Bill. He will also be demanding changes in the proposals for taxing foreigners who work in Britain.

Earlier Mr Carr and Mr Healey clashed on the Government's proposal to refund taxes of £10m to trade unions that failed to register under the Industrial Relations Act and so were unable to claim special relief on their provident funds. Mr Healey said the Government were doing no more than carrying out the intentions of Mr Carr when he was Secretary of State for Employment.

Mr Carr agreed that it was unfortunate that unions had lost the relief but that need not have been the result of the Industrial Relations Act. He had taken advice to make sure that even if a union decided not to register it could still protect its provident funds.

The Opposition, he said, would want evidence of whether unions had tried to protect their funds or rather had not deliberately neglected to protect them as part of a *politically* motivated programme to discredit the Act.

Opposition unbeatable: The Government will find it virtually impossible to keep the Finance Bill intact against an intensive campaign to amend it on the committee stage upstairs by a Conservative task force led by *Mr Carr (our Political Editor writes)*. The task force is being modelled on the one that Mr Heath led against the Finance Bill in 1965 before becoming party leader, and there is already a determination to carry several important amendments.

Once the five days consideration of the Bill in committee of the full House is complete, the remaining clauses will go upstairs to a small committee in which the Government will always be at risk.

The size of the committee remains to be settled by the committee of selection when it meets next Wednesday. Usually the Finance Bill committee upstairs has been 35 strong.

On committees with up to 22 members, in the present parliamentary situation, the Government has parity on even numbers: beyond that figure the Government will always be in a minority.

Indications are that this year the committee will have 40 members: 19 Labour, 19 Conservative, one Liberal, and one other. A combination of the Conservative and Liberal vote, with determined whipping, would therefore be almost unbeatable.

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Embassy ordered to boycott Lions

The British Embassy in South Africa has been told not to take part in social functions arranged for the British Lions rugby team now touring the country.

The instruction was issued by Miss Lestor, Parliamentary Under-Secretary at the Foreign Office.

Mr Eldon Griffiths, Minister of Sport in the last Government, said last night: "To most 'rugger' men this will seem a spiteful little gesture. It shows the same lack of perspective as Mr Wilson displayed when he demanded that our entire athletic squad be ordered home from the Olympics.

Before the Lions left Britain, *Mr Callaghan, the Foreign* Secretary and Mr Howell, Minister for Sport, advised the rugby authorities to call off the tour.

Miss Lestor, who has special responsibility for relations with African countries, is to visit Kenya and Zambia during the Whitsun recess.

Our Lusaka correspondent writes: Zambia has followed Kenya's example in banning all sporting contact with Britain because of the Lions tour of South Africa. This means that a tour of Zambia planned by the Isthmian League soccer squad later this month is cancelled.

Parties will discuss compulsory register

By David Wood
Political Editor

A compulsory register of MPs' pecuniary interests and benefits, open to public inspection, has been proposed by the Government. It will be considered next week by the Parliamentary Labour Party and the Opposition parties, and the House of Commons as a whole will reach a decision at the close of a debate immediately before Parliament rises for the Whitsuntide recess.

There are still questions to be settled about the precise scope of the register, the machinery to conduct it, and the sanctions that will be applied against any MP who breaches the motion that will eventually be carried by the House. Those questions, it is proposed, should be referred to a select committee.

The Government's proposals have already been approved by the labour liaison committee, on which ministers and backbenchers are represented. Last night the following notice of motion was given at a meeting of the PLP for a party meeting to be held next Wednesday:

1 That in any debate or proceeding of the House or its committees, or transactions or communications which a member may have with other members or with ministers or servants of the Crown, he shall disclose any relevant pecuniary interest or benefit, whether direct or indirect, that he may have had, may have, or may be expecting to have.

2 Every member of the House of Commons shall be required to furnish to a registrar of members' interests full particulars of his interests and of any alterations which may occur therein, and the registrar shall cause these particulars to be entered in a register of members interests which shall be

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Sir John Donaldson rejects suggestion that ministers influenced court

Raymond Perman
our Staff

ir John Donaldson, Presi-t of the National Industrial ations Court, yesterday ied that pressure had been on him by the Government anyone else during the ional strike by engineering kers.

he strike, by members of Amalgamated Union of En-eering Workers, was called on Wednesday, 24 hours r it had begun, after Sir n's judgment in the Con-ch case. He ruled that an ymous donation of £65,000 ld be paid to the sequestra-appointed to seize the on's funds, and used to pay pensation owed by the on.

esterday, Sir John inter-ted another case to make a ement referring to part of article in *The Times* by Paul ridge, Labour Correspon-nt.

t had suggested, he said, t there could have been ne contact between the Gov-ment and the court about case. It was a mischievous gestion. There had been no ract between the Govern-nt and the court concerning t or any other case, and the *ne was true of the previous* vernment.

The court was totally un-are of the Government's ws on the matter except in far as these were public knowledge. The members of the court and we alone have taken all decisions. No one has attempted to influence us. We have at no time consulted anyone as to what course we should adopt", Sir John said.

He emphasized the distinction between payment to the sequestrators and payment to the court.

"The [union's] contempt of court consisted in refusing to pay the judgment by April 29. It will be purged when it and the costs of the sequestration have been paid from union funds. The process of sequestration involved taking the union's *funds into the custody of the* sequestrators. They were not paid to the court.

"The sequestrators, in effect, established a new bank account for the union which only they could control, but the money and securities remained the property of the union. The anonymous donors wished to pay £65,000 to the sequestrators for the credit of this account. They were thereby making a present to the union of this sum."

In fact, Sir John added, there might be some money left from the £65,000 after Con-Mech, four other people with claims against the union, and costs had been paid. In that case the money would go to the union, not to the donors.

It was possible that there was no need for the court to give permission for the donation to be made, but in the unusual circumstances it was right that the application should have been made and there was no ground for refusing it.

It had been suggested that the court, when first approached on Monday by lawyers *for the donors, intended to* refuse to allow the payment to be made. That was incorrect. No decision was, or could have been, made until a formal application was made to the court just before it gave judgment on Wednesday.

Other claims settled: The anonymous *donation that ended the* engineering workers' strike also marks the end of nearly a year of legal attempts by Mr George Hill to obtain £2,900 from the AUEW.

Mr Hill lost his job with a Southampton engineering company after he left the union and other workers refused to work with him. He was awarded the money as compensation by an industrial tribunal, but the union, following its policy of opposition to the Industrial Relations Act, ignored the award.

The £65,000 donation will go to pay Con-Mech, Mr Hill and three other people with claims against the union. Mr Hill will receive his award with interest of £157 and costs expected to be about £600.

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Doctor killed in jail gun battle

Genoa, May 9.—A prison *doctor was shot* dead tonight in an exchange of fire as police tried to free 14 hostages taken by rebel prisoners in a bid to escape from a north Italian jail. The three armed prisoners have threatened to kill all the hostages at half-hourly intervals if they are not given their freedom.

A second hostage was critically injured with a bullet wound in the head as police opened fire when they tried to enter Alessandria jail.—Reuter.

Iraqis set fire to Kurdish town

Ankara, May 9.—Iraqi troops *were today apparently setting* fire to a city of 25,000 people after a heavy battle against Kurdish rebels.

It looked as though the soldiers were burning down Zakho, a Kurdish town north of the Tigris where the Turkish, Syrian and Iraqi borders meet, according to Haber, the independent Turkish news agency. Flames could be seen from the Turkish frontier eight miles away.—Reuter.



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amen seek £40 for -hour week

Delegates at the National ion of Seamen's conference at rquay yesterday voted to press a £40, 40-hour week for able amen. The executive backed a call, but Mr James Slater, neral secretary, pleaded for ution.

Under an agreement reached London yesterday 40,000 erchant Navy officers will ceive pay rises of £11.85 a nth, or 7 per cent for higher-id officers.

dustry gloomy

The prevailing mood in indus-y is pessimism, the Confedera-n of British Industry states in nouncing its Industrial Trends rvey, where it reports that mpanies are facing a "horrify g escalation of cost pressures".

Business News, page 25.

Violent incidents divide Ulster loyalists

From Robert Fisk
Portadown, co Armagh

Leaders of the two loyalist private armies in Portadown, the Ulster Volunteer Force and the Ulster Defence Association, are trying to resolve their differences after a series of strange and sometimes violent incidents in and around the town.

In the past two months a senior UDA man has been badly wounded by a booby-trap bomb, a UVF officer was killed in an explosion, and a young loyalist escaped with his life after two gunmen, one of them apparently speaking with an English accent, had tried to drag him from a public house. A second UVF officer, who was in Portadown a few days before the UDA man was injured, has since been murdered in Belfast.

Portadown is one of the most bitterly divided communities in Northern Ireland and over the past two years has seen the rise of one of the most powerful groups of Protestant militants in Ulster. There is evidence that intimidation, by the IRA as well as Protestants, has taken place on a considerable scale.

There has also been friction there between the two loyalist organizations, and rumours that Protestants have joined the Republican movement. In fact, one local Protestant did join the official IRA more than a year ago and another, now on the run in the Irish Republic is a member of the Provisional IRA.

It is not clear when hostility started between the two loyalist groups but there is a report that the UDA was once accused of a robbery in the north of the town. In any event, the first UDA man to suffer serious injury this year was Mr James Redmond, who led the UDA's mid Ulster battalion.

Mr Redmond left his home in Derryclone Gardens on March 14 to go to work on the early shift at the Metal Box Company. While he was reversing his car into the road a tremendous explosion tore into it. He underwent an emergency leg operation

Several days before that bombing, Mr James Hanna, one *of the UVF's most senior officers* from Belfast, was in Portadown. Some local UDA men believed he had something to do with Mr Redmond's injuries. Mr Hanna was, on the other hand, a comparatively moderate man and there is little reason why he should want Mr Redmond killed.

On April 1, however, Mr Hanna was sitting in his car outside a loyalist club in Shankill Road when two young men approached him and shot him at almost point-blank range. He died immediately, and the bullets wounded a young girl who was sitting beside him. The murder occurred in an area in which the IRA is unlikely to operate.

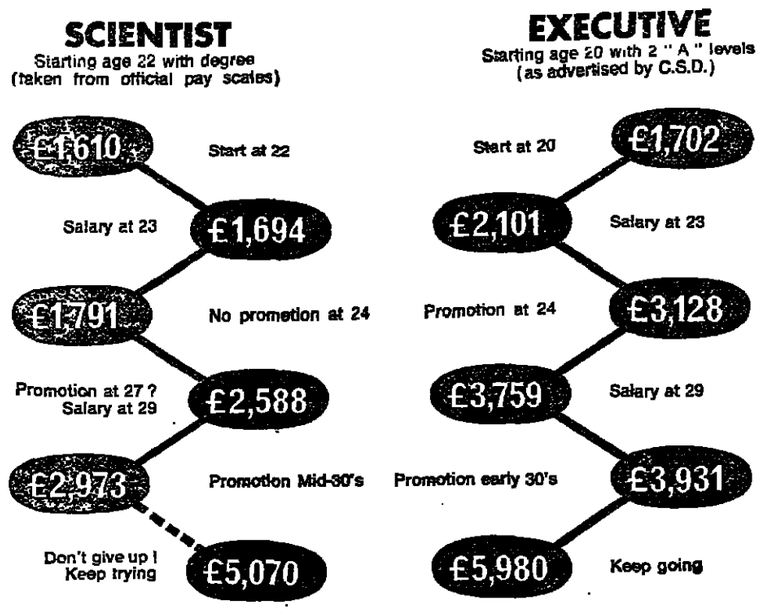
The UVF at first refused to acknowledge that Mr Hanna was one of its officers. It said later that the denial was at his relatives' wishes, although the UDA suggested that the British Army was involved in his death. The Army strongly denied the charge.

Fifteen days later another senior UVF officer was killed in

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HOME NEWS

Call for inquiry in North east

By Raymond Perman
Labour Staff

A strong appeal for an inquiry into the affairs of the Labour party in the North-east was made yesterday by Mr Dan McGarvey, president of the boilermakers' union and a former member of the party national executive.

A motion calling for an inquiry is to be proposed by Mrs Joan Maynard, a member of the Labour Party executive, to the annual meeting on May 18 of the Northern Regional Council of the party at Newcastle. Writing in his union journal, Mr McGarvey said that the executive of the Amalgamated Society of Boilermakers, Shipwrights, Blacksmiths and Structural Workers had decided to support the motion.

"The time has now surely arrived to stop the double-talk by those within the Labour Party in the North-east of England and at national level", he said.

Mr McGarvey criticised the decision to expel from the party Mr Edward Milne, now independent Labour MP for Blyth, and Mr Ronald Evers, the northern regional organizer of the party, for saying that the demand for an inquiry was certain to be defeated.

"The decision to expel Eddie Milne from the Labour Party was one of the most stupid decisions that I can remember", he said. "The belief in the North-east is that all this happened because he was an honest man, and I am inclined to agree with this.

"The serious part of this whole issue is the question which is generally being asked: Is there a mafia in the North-east Labour Party? I must say that in my experience any time a particular issue is raised a cloak of secrecy drops and the silence on the issue is deafening."

Mr Milne said last night that the feeling was growing in the North-east that Mr Short should resign as deputy leader of the Labour Party, and that was a viewpoint he shared. He told a meeting in his constituency that the disclosed association between Mr Short and Mr T. Dan Smith demanded nothing less than an immediate statement in the Commons, which could be questioned by MPs.

He said the party should give the full facts surrounding the payment of £35,000 to Mr Smith's companies for public relations work in the early 1960s. A top-level inquiry was urgently needed.

Mr Wilson and Mr Heath to speak on the pr

By Our Political Staff

Mr Wilson and Mr Heath are to make the two main speeches when the House of Commons on Tuesday debates the state of the press.

Mr Heath and the Shadow Cabinet contend that the economic position of the newspaper industry raises questions that are much too urgent to be left to the protracted inquiries of the royal commission now being set up by the Government. They have, therefore, decided to use one of their Supply days to focus parliamentary and public concern that the free press shall not be put in peril.

The economics of the press will form a main theme, but Mr Heath has made clear to his colleagues that his speech will range broadly over all the issues of press finance, management, and freedom.

Another Opposition Supply day is to be used next week to express Conservative concern about Britain's defence and about the defence review being carried out by the Labour Government, mainly to cut expenditure.

On Monday Opposition frontbenchers will protest at the total lack of information to Parliament and the country about the Government's defence review, which Mr Mason, Secretary of State for Defence, has said will not be ready for announcement until the autumn.

The weakness of Nato, the disarray of Western Europe, and the strains on the Services in Northern Ireland are among the factors contributing to Opposition anxieties about the scale of the Government's eventual cuts.

There is pressure from the Labour left wing for spending cuts of up to £1,000m on the defence budget, and Mr Mason's autumn date for a White Paper suggests that he has the Labour Party conference much in mind.

Call on secrets Act: Newspapers should launch a campaign against the Official Secrets Act rather than concentrate their attention on laws that they wrongly believed shackled their freedom to publish, Mr Arthur Davidson, Labour MP for Accrington and parliamentary private secretary to the Attorney General, said in London yesterday (our Legal Correspondent writes).

Speaking to a conference on "The Press and the Law" organized by the *New Law Journal*, Mr Davidson said there were few cases of *public interest*, involving a public figure, that the press were prohibited from publishing. The recent land dealings case in which the Prime Minister was mentioned was an instance of an issue in which free comment had not been curbed.

Most editors were very timid people, he said. Frequently they could be bolder than they were, and could get rid of some of the shackles they thought fettered them.

The aura of secrecy that surrounded ministers, and permeated downwards, mad of exposing the truth matters much more Mr Davidson said.

The recommendatio Franks committee wo matters worse, not bet fication would be in of a minister, the ve with a vested interest vants would make documents were class the truth could not even by questions in P because they could b the answer that it was public interest to re was being asked.

The press should campaign calling for of appeal against a classification, either to Council or a judg should also be a d public interest for pe cuted under the Act. liked the Official Se Mr Davidson said, government would al less pressure was pu do so.

Ulster: Erring loyalists tortured

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Portadown but nobody seems quite certain of the circumstances. Mr Joseph Neill was a first lieutenant in the mid Ulster UVF and was in a house in the Edgarstown area when a large bomb exploded a few feet from him. He was killed instantly and the woman with whom he was living was badly hurt.

The police suspect that Mr Neill was making a bomb but the UVF said that he had been murdered by two men who smuggled explosives into the house. At least one Portadown loyalist, however, has said that Mr Neill was trying to defuse a bomb he had made because the car coming to collect it for a bombing mission was late. The local UDA men, he said, knew what was happening, but did not try to help him to take the explosives apart.

It is hard to know what happens in the Protestant ranks. Some loyalists do not trust the local police. Twice last week Protestants talked of an RUC man who appears to keep regular company with the UDA and drinks with them. The penalties for giving away information have always been extreme in Protestant and Catholic groups, and in Portadown UDA men have been known to use a battery and wires to torture erring members.

The penalty can also be more severe. Mr George Hyde, aged 19, a loyalist from Portadown, was charged last year with the attempted murder of a Roman Catholic and afterwards was apparently prepared to name his accomplices. Early on Boxing Day Mr Hyde was found lying in a hut at the Maze prison at Long Kesh. He had been beaten to death. No one at Long Kesh has yet been charged with his murder.

The least violent but most mysterious incident involves a loyalist named Williams who was having a drink in an Edgarstown public house. He was a regular customer at the Golden Hind bar on the edge of Edgharstown Road, in a strong Protestant area only a quarter of a mile from the centre of the town.

Mr Williams was sitting in the lounge bar at 9.45pm on March 19 when two men walked in. One stood behind Mr Williams and placed a small black revolver at the back of his head. In what both Mr Williams and two other locals later referred to as an English accent, the man said: "You — you are coming with us, kid".

Mr Williams stood up and was led out of the door. Once outside he broke free, leapt the counter of the off-licence next door and ran into the public car park to safety. The two men left in a blue saloon car.

Witnesses said the two had been drinking with two other men in the public bar, talking in English accents, and apparently unaware that there was a lounge bar next door. That may explain why Mr Williams remained unmolested for some time before the attempted kidnapping.

About three hours after the incident two young British soldiers in plain clothes were shot dead by police officers in co Armagh, about 20 miles from Portadown. The Army and the Government both said that the men were returning home from leave in Germany and were shot by mistake, but the bar employee and a customer said that one of the dead soldiers, whose photograph appeared in newspapers two days later, was identical with the man who had attempted to abduct the loyalist.

The local suspicion that there had been some Army involvement scarcely diminished when the Portadown police took a photograph of one of the dead soldiers to Mr Williams's home and asked him if he could identify the man. Mr Williams, who had made a statement to the police immediately after the incident, said that it was the gunman in the Golden Hind.

The Portadown police made further inquiries from the Army and discovered that neither of the two soldiers who died early on March 20 could have been at Portadown at 9.45 on the previous evening. The Army driver who went to Aldergrove airport on the 19th to collect the soldier identified by Mr Williams had waited for another passenger and had delayed his return to Armagh until late in the night.

Not sure who was responsible, the Portadown UVF suggested that it might have been the Army, but said that an armed UDA man had been sitting near Mr Williams in the lounge bar and had not drawn his gun when the abduction took place.

The police concluded that the UDA may have been responsible. But it now appears that, in spite of the RUC's contention, and although neither of the soldiers who later died could possible have been present, there was a plain-clothes Army patrol of three soldiers in the Edgarstown area of Portadown on the evening of March 19.

Argumer TV time brings Bl protest

By George Clark
Political Corresponde

The clash between and representatives broadcasting authori the allocation of relev for party political bro a private meeting in mons on Tuesday ha protest from Sir Ch rar, Director-Genera BBC.

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Sir Charles said tha meeting he had beer devise some formula take the question of available time out of of argument. "I am the way to proceed a have specific proposa hope to put them committee", he said.

Pope's envoy to meet Moderator of Scots Kirk

From Ronald Faux
Edinburgh

Pope Paul's envoy to Great Britain, Archbishop Bruno Heim, is to meet Dr George Reid, Moderator of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland, in Edinburgh next week.

It will be the first time an apostolic delegate has visited a moderator. It will also be the first time that Cardinal Gray of St Andrews and Edinburgh who will accompany the archbishop, has visited the Church of Scotland's offices. The meeting, expected to last about 45 minutes, will be during a visit to the city by Archbishop Heim on Friday, May 17.

Two moderators have paid courtesy calls to the Pope in recent years but contact within Scotland has been sparse. The meeting may rouse some ill feeling from sections of the Church of Scotland strongly opposed to such contact.

Angry farmers press case for higher prices on MPs

By Leonard Amey
Agricultural Correspondent

For the third day in succession farmers were at the House of Commons yesterday. A delegation, mainly of livestock men, led by Sir Henry Plumb, president of the National Farmers' Union, met backbench members of all parties.

The meeting was arranged by Mr Thomas Torney, Labour MP for Bradford, South, before Wednesday's agriculture debate was tabled. The debate had done nothing to abate their disquiet.

Disappointment was expressed that the Minister of Agriculture had not gone some way to meet them on points of disagreement left after the annual review and the later talks in Brussels. The main topics, however, were beef and pigs and the position in which some farmers, particularly younger men, have been placed as a result of their losses.

On pigs, they wanted the direct payments introduced at the end of March to continue at the same level after the end of May, pending new arrangements. For beef they wanted a rise in the guide price to what it would have been under the original transitional EEC arrangements, with a guarantee payment to cover any shortfall.

That would not cover producers' present losses, but it would put a bottom in the market and do something to restore confidence. Otherwise, they suggested, there would be a cut in the production of pigmeat and beef.

The minister had said that consumers would pay only what they could afford. The farmers replied that producers could provide only what they could afford to produce.

Teachers urged to call off exam boycott

By Our Education Correspondent

Mr Prentice, Secretary of State for Education and Science, appealed last night to the National Association of Schoolmasters to call off its examination boycott in the North-east.

He said he was deeply concerned that the association had instructed its members to hold on to pupils' papers and marks.

The good offices of the Department of Employment were available if the two sides in the dispute wished to go to arbitration, he said.

The dispute is over the demotion of the former deputy headmaster of the Sacred Heart comprehensive school, Redcar. The Roman Catholic governors of the school have so far refused to take the dispute to arbitration.

Mr Terry Casey, general secretary of the schoolmasters' association, said that about 80,000 pupils were affected by the dispute.

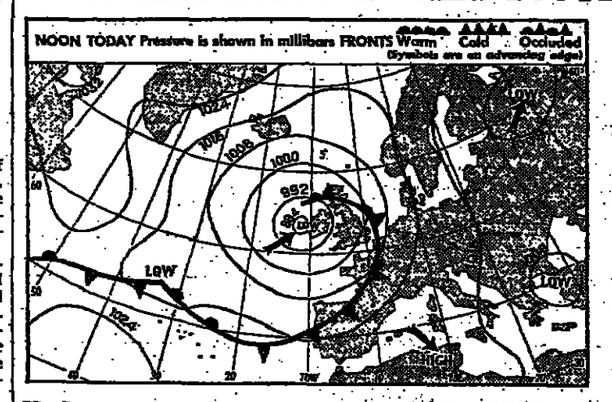
Adoption programme

The controversial *World in Action* programme, which shows four children available for adoption, will go out on Monday night. It was postponed for two weeks pending approval by the Independent Broadcasting Authority.

Freedom of speech

A special discussion of freedom of speech on the campus, with articles by Professor Ralph Miliband, Professor David Martin and a Conservative student, as well as the full NUS motion on "racialism", is published today in *The Times Higher Education Supplement.*

Weather forecast and recordings



HOME NEWS

Tory backbenchers protest to leaders at 'farcical' tactics in House of Commons

By John Groser
Political Staff

So strong was the feeling expressed at last night's meeting of the 1922 Committee of Conservative backbench MPs about Opposition leaders' tactics in staging divisions in the Commons that Mr Edward du Cann, the chairman, agreed to convey members' sentiments to Mr Heath and his colleagues.

Mr du Cann agreed with many speakers that there appeared to be "some bad judgment", especially over Wednesday night's division after the agriculture debate.

Many MPs thought it was farcical to force a division on a three-line whip and then take care to ensure that the Government was not defeated.

On Wednesday night Mr Heath and the Front Bench forced a division at the close of the debate on the plight of the agriculture industry and yet failed to ensure that the Government, which should have been defeated by about 20 votes, was not defeated.

Mr Heath and his senior colleagues are understood to be of the opinion that it is important to defeat the Government in debate but not to bring it down in the lobbies.

Protest at the 1922 Committee meeting was led by Mr William Clark, MP for Croydon South, a Conservative Party treasurer. He was supported by Mr Cranley Onslow (Woking).

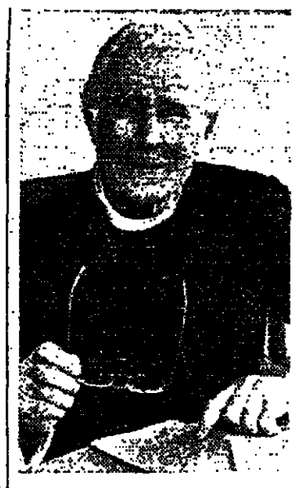
Mr Maxwell-Hyslop (Tiverton) and Mr Fidler (Bury and Radcliffe) both took the view that the party leadership should explain how divisions forced by the Conservatives had been allowed to become a farce.

The main critics of Mr Heath and the party leadership seem to be the younger backbenchers, who are impatient with the policy of avoiding the risk of an election. Mr Winterton (Macclesfield) declared that Opposition whips had specifically asked the Ulster MPs not to vote in Wednesday night's division even though the Ulstermen were themselves on a three-line whip.

He said he had evidence of that, and no one from the whips' office who was present at the meeting rose to challenge his statement.

Mr Cormack (Staffordshire, South-West), who had written to Mr du Cann protesting against "these division farces" declared that the Conservative MPs were beginning to look idiotic in the eyes of other MPs and of their constituents. Mr Onslow declared that he did not feel idiotic, though he supported the general line of argument.

After this discussion of Wednesday night's bizarre tactics, Lord Carrington, party chairman, and his chief executives from Conservative Central Office joined the meeting to review the Tories' failure at the polls last February. Lord Carrington admitted that there had been mistakes but promised a fresh and dynamic approach to the next election, whenever it came.



Lord Soper, new chairman of Shelter.

Lord Soper to take Shelter post

By our Social Services Correspondent

Lord Soper is to replace the Rev Kenneth Bartlett as chairman of Shelter from June 1. Mr Bartlett will continue as a member of the board, which will have four new members with experience of housing matters.

Mr Bartlett, who has been chairman since 1972, was criticized by staff and Shelter groups during the dispute that racked the organization last year. He agreed to go as soon as a successor could be appointed.

The four new members reflect the wishes of the staff and groups for a more broadly based board of management. They are Mr Bruce Douglas-Mann, Labour MP for Merton, Mitcham and Morden, a solicitor; Father Paul Byrne, director of the Shelter Housing Aid Centre; Mr Harold Campbell, general manager of the Newlon Housing Trust, and the Rev Wilfred Wood, Vicar of St Laurence's, Catford, London.

Mr Foot wants cut in top people's pay

Mr Foot, Secretary of State for Employment, said last night that he wanted a review of top people's salaries. The aim would be to narrow the gap between their pay and that of the mass of workers, as a means of improving industrial relations.

Speaking on Thames Television programme, *People and Politics*, he said he felt he was overpaid himself, at his ministr's salary of £13,000. "I am all in favour of looking at different top salaries in the public and private sector. It that includes a cut in Cabinet ministers' salaries I am also in favour of that, indeed I have proposed it." His proposal had not met much favour among his colleagues.

"We pay ridiculously high salaries to some people", he said. "It makes the running of our society much more difficult. If we have Labour Government for five years I certainly hope we shall tackle this problem.

"We are told you must have these huge salaries, otherwise these patriots go elsewhere. If these people should think they can get high salaries out of the country, then they had better go.

Defending Labour's close links with the trade unions, Mr Foot said he thought the TUC more important than the Confederation of British Industry. "I think they are of higher calibre, for one thing. They have even got more brains." Some union leaders were very much underpaid for the services they gave to the nation.

Mr Foot said that the repeal of the Industrial Relations Act was "only the beginning of what we are going to do". An industrial democracy Bill, in which the principle of workers' participation in the management of the concerns in which they operated would be carried much farther, was in view. The Government would move towards different forms of workers' control of industry.

Mr Powell says UK on brink of great divide

By Our Political Staff

The issue of devolution of power had brought Britain to the brink of the great divide, Mr Enoch Powell, the former Conservative MP for Wolverhampton, South-west, said last night. Speaking in Glamorgan, he chose as his major theme the whole question of nationalism.

Belonging to a political unit implied the advance acceptance of common political decisions and policies and those had, in the last resort, to be integrated with one another, Mr Powell said. "Therefore there is nothing intermediate between belonging to a particular political unit and not belonging.

"This fact has been obscured by the often emphasized distinction, which is an historical but not a political distinction, between confederations, federations and unitary states."

There was a good side as well as a bad side to national concentration, he continued. "Every political unit lives under constant challenge and there is no reason why the United Kingdom should be exempt. Its unity has no vested claim to immunity from changing sentiment or changing circumstances.

"But two principles at least may illuminate our judgment of the respective forces which are at work, the centrifugal and the centripetal.

"One is that the less comprehensively a state engrosses the energies of its subject and controls their lives, the more secure its unity is likely to be. The other is that the long history of a political unit remains the surest, though never the infallible, guide to its future. There is no nation of which this is more true than Britain."

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Mr Heath attacks Labour 'appeasement' policy

By Michael Hatfield
Political Staff

Mr Heath, Leader of the Opposition, went back to the first principles of the Conservative Party last night with a challenging declaration of a "charter for the people".

His proposals made in delivering the Iain Macleod memorial lecture were based on policy consultations he and his shadow ministers have been having since the Conservatives lost the last election.

Mr Heath also rose to the criticisms of some of his supporters that the Opposition is not being aggressive enough. "We will not make it easy for the minority Labour Government to cut and run before the people in the country understand clearly the real consequences of the Labour Government's policies", he said.

"This needs a steady nerve and a steady nerve is one of the qualities which the Conservative Party has to offer the country. We must say to people in Britain: 'Look what happens when a government gets into a position where one section of the community alone is dominating its policy'.

"Minority governments may come and minority governments will most certainly go, though not by the frivolous, indeed childish antics of the members of the Liberal Party in the House of Commons."

The charter for the people must establish the Conservatives' aims for everyone in the country, he said. For those at work there was clearly the right to work without being unfairly dictated to, by either employer or union: the right to a fair and decent reward without unfair and harsh taxation of income and savings; the right to a voice in the running of their firm or union.

For the family there must be a right to a proper home and help, if required, to own it; the right to privacy and freedom from undue government interference in their daily lives.

There was a right to a voice and a choice in the way their children were educated; the right of a child with the wit and the will to get on in the world to be allowed to get on without facing the envy and bitterness of others.

Mr Heath continued: "To industry we offer the right to make a fair profit. Unlike Labour, we understand industry, we know what makes it work. We appreciate the obvious fact of business life that without profit there can be no investment. And without investment there can be no jobs and no future."

One of the highest priorities of the next Conservative Government would be to see that every family in the land should have the chance and the right to buy its own home.

Mr Heath said that in the past the individual had often had to be protected from the pressures that big companies could bring to bear on him, and the Conservative Party had played an honourable role in the regular revision and effective company law.

"But we all know in our hearts that in recent times the pendulum has swung the other way, and that the interests of the individual and the interests of the nation as a whole now need support against overmighty unions.

"And we all know too that the process of industrial appeasement which the present minority Labour Government is now pursuing will take the country farther and farther down the road away from individual freedom and responsibility."

That, Mr Heath continued, was the first and perhaps the greatest of Conservative principles: respect for the freedom of the individual and support for those standards of behaviour without which freedom declined into anarchy.

"It cannot be beyond the capacity of a powerful and sophisticated country like our own to eradicate finally those areas of poverty which still disgrace us."

Proper respect and support must be given to those who created the national wealth. If industry was so overburdened by short sighted government policies that it began to fail in its vital role as producer of wealth, the needs of those in poverty were threatened above all.

PLP to debate compulsory list of interests

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available for inspection by the public.

3 There shall be set up a select committee of the House which shall, within the shortest reasonable period, consider the matters arising out of this proposal and recommend to the House the detailed composition of the register, the method of its operation, and the sanction to be applied to a member in default of his obligations in this matter.

Although there can be no doubt that within the next week or two the Commons will overwhelmingly agree to the creation of a register of financial interests, mainly because of the acute embarrassment of MPs arising out of recent publicity, there will still be warm argument on both sides of the House that the Government's proposal goes too far or not far enough.

Mr Heath and the Shadow Cabinet are known to accept that a register would be beneficial to MPs, if only because it would curb unpleasant disclosures of financial interest. Nor does Mr Heath see an issue of principle in whether the register is compulsory or voluntary. But some rank-and-file Conservatives certainly see a register as an invasion of privacy, and therefore a matter of principle. Others contend that any form of sanctions for non-disclosure might come between a member and the constituency that elects him.

On the Labour side, there are many MPs who would want the scope of the register to be broadened to cover political and parliamentary journalists, who of course are not under contract to the service of Parliament but to their newspapers. What sanctions should apply to them if they are found guilty of non-disclosure? There is also a demand here and there that if the House of Commons has a register, then the House of Lords must fall into line, although in practice the Commons cannot create rules for the Lords.

Much reference will be made in the Commons debate on the Government proposal to the findings of the Strauss committee, which examined the question of declaring MPs' interests. It came down against a register of interests, with a Liberal MP dissenting, and suggested a tightening of the existing practice whereby members declare an interest when they speak in debate.

The Strauss committee went no farther than to propose a new House resolution "that it is contrary to the usage and derogatory to the dignity of this House that a member should bring forward by speech or question or advocate . . . any Bill, motion, matter, or cause for a fee, payment, retainer, or reward, direct or indirect, which he has received, is receiving, or expects to receive".

The probability is that Mr Heath and the Shadow Cabinet will give the Conservative ranks and file a free vote on the issue. On the Labour side, there promises to be a three-line whip, simply because a compulsory register is being made a decision of the PLP.

Mr Short, Leader of the House of Commons, yesterday withheld confirmation, publicly and privately, of reports that he volunteered to stand down from the chairmanship of the Committee of Privileges when it meets next week to open an inquiry into allegations by Mr Joseph Ashton, Labour MP for Bassetlaw, that some Labour backbenchers are available "for hire".

In the House, during questions about next week's business, he replied to Mr Heath that he had read press speculation. He repeated that "there is no reason in fact or in my conscience" why he should not play a full part in the committee. He then confirmed his comment of a week ago: that it was for the committee to elect its own chairman, and "whoever is chairman will have my full support".

Flights from Heathrow off

All British Airways overseas division flights from Heathrow have been cancelled until next Tuesday.

The stewards' union is to meet on Monday, when it is expected, pressure will be put on it by the Transport and General Workers' Union to call off the strike. But at Heathrow yesterday union officials said a long strike still seemed likely.



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HOME NEWS

Bill to create public lending right by January before House today

By Our Political Editor

After years of authors campaigning for a public lending right, the Government and Conservative backbenchers are now hotly disputing who should have the credit for introducing the legislation in the present Parliament.

Mr Hugh Jenkins, the minister with responsibility for the arts, is preparing a Bill that is apparently to be backed by about £1m of Exchequer money to launch the authors' fund on a sound financial footing. He said in a Commons written answer yesterday that he hoped to introduce the Bill this year.

But Mr Kenneth Baker, Conservative MP for the Cities of London and Westminster, St Marylebone, and parliamentary private secretary to Mr Heath, will bring before the Commons for a second reading today his strongly supported private members Public Lending Right Bill.

On Tuesday Mr Jenkins confirmed to Mr Baker the Government's intention to legislate and apparently suggested that the private member's bill should be withdrawn, mainly because only a government Bill can provide financial backing to authors.

Our Arts Reporter writes: Mr Baker yesterday gave details of his Bill, which is the third on the order paper. Its chances of a second reading depend on the fate of the measures that precede it.

Under the Bill, authors would receive payments on library borrowings every six months from next January.

Mr Baker was at pains to point out that in its present form the Bill allows authors to claim payment direct from libraries, but that was to get round the prohibition on private members introducing Bills that impose a charge on the Exchequer.

"There will be no surcharge on borrowings, and libraries will not have to pay anything, nor will local authorities", he said. "The funds will come from the Exchequer and the first amendment, should the Bill get into committee, will make this clear. The author will claim from an authors' library fees agency (Alfa) and the agency and the minister will decide which of three schemes shall be used."

The three schemes are loan sampling, which the Bill's supporters prefer as the fairest for lending libraries; stock sampling, an alternative method; and the stock purchase price system, which involves a levy on the cost of each volume and which it is thought would apply particularly well to reference libraries. That would ensure, for the first time in any proposed measure, that authors of reference works available for public consultation would also be compensated.

MP and wife part

Mr Christopher Brocklebank-Fowler, aged 40, Conservative MP for Norfolk, north-west, has announced that he and his wife, Joan, who were married in 1957 and have two sons, will separate.

Plaque for forecaster

James Glaisher, who died in 1903 and pioneered weather forecasting, is being commemorated by a GLC blue plaque at Dartmouth Hill, Blackheath. He lived there for 30 years.

Theatre approved

The building of a permanent 700-seat theatre in the former Cotton Trading Hall at Manchester Royal Exchange has been approved by the city's planning committee.

Students to reconsider move to ban 'fascists'

By Our Education Correspondent

The National Union of Students' decision to prevent "racists" and "fascists" from speaking on campuses will be debated again next month at a special conference in London.

Mr Brendan Barber, president of the students' union of City University, London, has started a campaign to get the decision reversed. He needs the support of only 10 university or college unions, which he is certain to get, to have the subject debated at the conference, called to discuss the Government's decision on student grants. It is likely to be held on June 15.

The NUS decided last month to prevent the National Front, the Monday Club and other right-wing organizations from speaking on campuses by whatever means, including disruption of meetings.

It has been rejected by at least nine university and college students' unions so far, and is likely to be rejected by the council of Oxford University's students' union when it meets today.

'The demonstration frightened me. There was a militancy totally a

Nurses, fed up and angry, on march for recognition

By John Roper
Medical Reporter

Nurses are fed up and angry. Behind the words lies a change in mood to be seen throughout the profession from chief nursing officers down to students. They are tired of being exploited.

Unless something is done, first about pay, then about manpower problems affecting standards of care, nursing education and conditions of work, coordinated plans exist that will result in a critical situation in the National Health Service this summer.

The mood has surprised leaders of the profession; it may surprise the public. Mr William Griffiths, chairman of the staff side of the Whitley Council and a trade unionist for 35 years, said the feeling at a recent Liverpool demonstration frightened him. "There was a militancy totally alien to nurses' usual attitudes", he said.

Mrs Betty Newstead, staff side secretary, said: "I have been associated with the council for 24 years and I have never known a feeling like it. Nurses are fed up."

In the view of Mr Albert Spanswick, general secretary of the Confederation of Health Service Employees, "nurses are much more ready to have a go industrially".

On Monday a delegation of 44 from the Royal College of Nursing, will see Mrs Castle, Secretary of State for Social Services. When that was announced several days ago a few hundred nurses were expected to turn up at the Henrietta Place headquarters of the college to give the delegates a send-off.

By yesterday nurses were expected to turn up in thousands. The college has made provisional arrangements with the police for them to march to Hyde Park to await news of the result of their delegates' meeting with Mrs Castle.

At least half the country's 350,000 nurses do not belong to any professional organization or trade union. The royal college would never support strike action and unions such as the Confederation of Health Service Employees and the National Union of Public Employees, which have about 70,000 nurse members each, would be unlikely to do so.

But more and more nurses are seeing a difference between industrial action and strike action. The sort of action they might increasingly take, if they have to, would be to ban excess working hours, to refuse to fill in for a senior nurse or to take over the duties of another grade, and to take part in short token stoppages.

They might also refuse to work with agency nurses, who earn between 80p and £1 an hour against the 57p gross an hour for a staff nurse.

The trade unions say more nurses are joining them. Both the Confederation of Health Service Employees and the National Union of Public Employees report several thousand more nurse members as a result of recruiting campaigns.

Mr Griffiths thinks that if a significant number of nurses would turn to the trade unions as their professional negotiators of pay and conditions it would have a big psychological effect on the Government. The Government attitude to nurses had been always one of complacency but if tens of thousands more nurses joined the unions it would be a different matter.

Much confusion was caused in the profession by the recent announcement that £18m is to be spent as a first step towards implementing the recommendations of the Briggs report on nurse education.

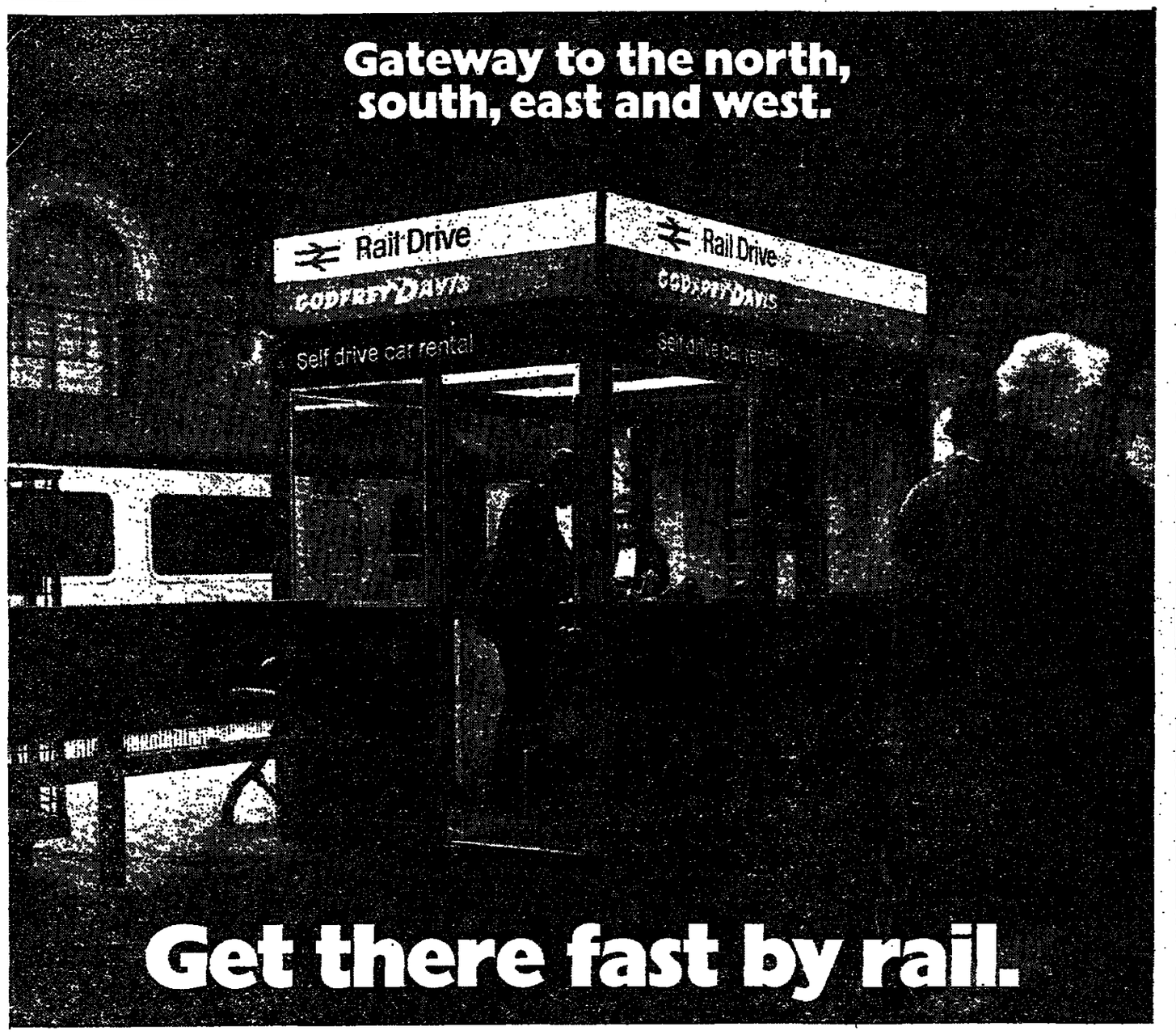
How that money is to be divided among nurses responsible for education has still to be worked out. The royal college at once pointed out that the money has nothing to do with the general claim for better pay for the profession as a whole.

In January, 1972, nurses put in a pay revaluation because of various pha comes policy it has no far. Since then infl other factors have resu updating of the clai and again earlier this now amounts to abou cent claim.

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Agreement on agenc Nurses at St James' London, have won an that no further staff fr nursing agencies employed on day sh Sunday and that the n the night shift and v the intensive care u reduced (our Labo writes).

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Cancer research body criticized

By Our Medical Reporter

The Cancer Research Campaign, which last year distributed more than £3m in grants, is accused in the latest issue of *Doctor* of using "some highly questionable and misleading propaganda" about successes in controlling cancer.

Dr Louis Goldman, medical consultant of the journal, writes that about a year ago, an advertisement made the firm claim that, when diagnosed early enough, "there is now a better than 50 per cent chance of curing cancer in most parts of the body". The truth was that many of the common cancers, in particular of lung, stomach and even breast, could not be diagnosed early.

In its latest booklet the campaign had stated: "Doctors suggest that more th cent of cancer patient cured if the dis diagnosed very early was a long way fro uncompromising

A spokesman for paign said last night not exaggerated achie misled the public. T gave a balanced pict

Churchill's life and work go on show

By Philip Howard

A grand exhibition illustrating the life of Sir Winston Churchill, from ancestry and the cradle to the solemn and subsequent secular canonization, opens today as the principal commemoration of the centenary of his birth.

As with most activities of the remarkable Churchill family, it is ambitious, unique, and superbly staged with no expense spared.

The "fine rooms" of Somerset House, exquisitely decorated and ceilinged by Sir William Chambers as the original home of the Royal Academy, have been reopened to the public for the exhibition after nearly 150 years of bureaucratic occupation by the Registrar General.

The hundreds of exhibits collected from all quarters cover not only the battles, triumphs, world crises and high politics of Sir Winston, but also his foibles, sense of mischief and even a few warts and all.

The exhibition is divided among six large and handsome rooms and almost completely obscures their decoration.

The first illustrates Churchill's heritage and ancestry from the Duke of Marlborough and his termagant Duchess, Sarah, to Winston's birth in 1874.

The second room covers Winston's early life up to 1913 with objects as various as the Mauser and sword he carried into the last great cavalry charge in history at Omdurman and the gold-headed malacca cane that King Edward gave him as a wedding present.

Room three describes the First World War and the years afterwards in the wilderness.

Room four has oddments, bibelots and Churchill's heroes, including the favourite bust of Napoleon that sat on his desk for many years.

Room five opens with a shock as a life-size cut-out of a demonic photograph of Hitler with Churchill looming over his shoulder. It has everything about the last war.

Room six contains tributes, homage, portraits, and the only authentic combined painting by both Churchill and the School of Rubens.

The exhibition will be open from today until September 30, 10am to 7pm on weekdays, 2.30pm to 7pm on Sundays. Admission is 50p, or 25p for children or old age pensioners. Proceeds will go to the two national memorials to the grand old man, Churchill College, Cambridge, and the Winston Churchill Memorial Trust.

Hall plan rejected

The development committee of Stratford-on-Avon council has rejected a plan, put forward by the Shakespeare Birthplace Trustees, to build a conference hall and coach bay next to the Shakespeare Centre.

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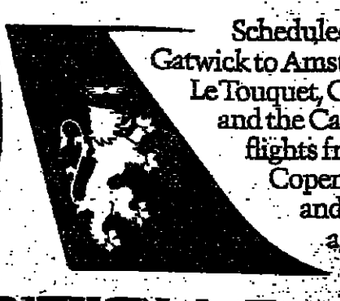
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HOME NEWS

Council on Tribunals urges faster handling of planning appeals

By Our Legal Correspondent

Growing delays in the disposal of planning appeals are causing much disquiet, and fundamental solutions must be found, the Council on Tribunals says in its annual report, published yesterday.

The situation had deteriorated sharply since 1970 in England and Wales, where from 1971 to 1972 the number of planning decisions taken by local planning authorities had increased from 463,000 to 615,000, and the appeals against those decisions from about 10,000 to just over 15,000. At the end of 1972 there were 13,000 appeals outstanding, but that figure had risen to nearly 18,000 by July 31, 1973.

The average time taken to dispose of appeals in England decided by the Secretary of State after an inquiry had risen, in the 12 months from May, 1972, to May, 1973, from 47 weeks to 60 weeks, and appeals decided by the Department of the Environment's inspectorate from 33 to 44 weeks. Delays in appeals decided without an inquiry but on written representations had shown similar increases.

The department had considerably expanded its inspectorate, and measures had been taken to speed the handling of appeals. But more fundamental solutions might have to be found.

The council, which acts as an advisory body and watchdog on administrative tribunals and inquiries, draws attention to the low proportion of women serving on tribunals. It points out that a number of appropriately qualified or experienced women were not pursuing a career, and a much higher proportion of those women than men might be able to undertake public service such as sitting on tribunals.

Not enough was being done to tap the resources of suitable women. More efforts should be made by the bodies that recommended tribunal members to include women in their lists.

Annual Report of the Council of Tribunals for 1972-73 (Stationery Office, 34p).

Lord Annan to head university inquiry

By Our Education Correspondent

Essex University has appointed Lord Annan, Provost of University College London, to head an inquiry into the troubles at Essex. A hundred students were arrested by the police at the end of last term.

But the appointment is not likely to be approved by the students. Miss Patricia (Rusty) Davis, president of the students' union, said: "This will certainly cause more trouble at the university. Lord Annan was chairman of the academic planning committee which helped to set up the university. He is therefore being asked to sit in judgment on himself.

Mr John Randall, president of the National Union of Students, said: "To ask one vice-chancellor to investigate occurrences that many people believe to be the fault of another vice-chancellor is tantamount to bringing out a bucket of whitewash."

It was "a very shortsighted decision that will not end the deadlock at Essex".



The remains of the house at Clements End, Gloucestershire, in which a woman and her two children died in a gas explosion yesterday morning.

Family killed by gas blast in home

From Our Correspondent
Gloucester

An inquiry was demanded yesterday into a gas explosion that destroyed a house in the Forest of Dean, Gloucestershire, killing a widow and her two children. The house, at Clements End, near Coleford, was not connected to the mains gas supply.

Late on Wednesday night Miss Theresa Baker, aged 23, telephoned to the gas board and complained of a strong smell of gas at her home. Workmen arrived, but left before 3 am.

A few minutes before 8 am an explosion, heard up to five miles away, destroyed the house and left nothing standing above three feet high. Flames up to 10ft high were still leaping from the ground two hours later. Debris from the house was found hanging on telegraph wires nearby.

Mrs Isabel Baker, aged 54, was brought from the rubble with severe injuries and died later in hospital. The bodies of her children, Theresa, a local office worker, and Kevin, aged 14, were found later.

Mr Michael Jenkins, of Clements End, a friend of the family, said he had consulted a solicitor and would be calling for an inquiry into the cause of the explosion.

A gas board statement said a full investigation was under way. "While at this stage it appears likely that the explosion occurred as a result of the ignition of a buildup of gas, the precise circumstances in which this happened remain to be determined", it said.

An emergency gang had gone to the scene and traces of gas were found in the road but not in the house. "Preparations were made for further attention to be given to the matter first thing this morning. The equipment was left at the roadside for this purpose."

Three fined for br over pop record

Three men, one of them a former BBC television producer, who admitted being involved in the BBC "payola" scandal, were each fined £100 at the Central Criminal Court yesterday.

Judge McKinnon, QC, told them: "What you have done is so incredibly paltry, and the sums involved so small, that it must sadden any right-thinking person to see men of your potential damaging yourselves in this way by being parties to these transactions."

It was, he said, a wholly isolated incident.

The three admitted bribery to plug a record. "Black-skinned, blue-eyed boy", made by the Equals pop group for President Records, on the television show *Disco Two*.

Before the court were Stephen Clive Turner, aged 36, a former BBC television producer, of Baronsmead Road, High Wycombe, Buckinghamshire, Anthony David Fowler, aged 45, a record promoter, of Wood Pond Road, Hockley, Essex, and Robert John Bolton, aged 33, a former general manager of President Records, of Waltham Way, Chingford, London.

Mr Turner had admitted agreeing to accept £25 to plug the record. Mr Fowler admitted inciting Mr Turner to obtain £50 from Mr Bolton as an inducement to play the record and Mr Bolton admitted offering £50 for the record to be played.

Earlier, there was a clash between the judge and Mr Michael Worsley, for the prosecution, over where the line between taking advantage of social contacts and bribery was to be drawn.

Mr Worsley had said that the amount involved, whether £25 or £50, was not a great deal of money. There was a large amount involved eventually because, if the r popularity, the re would gain substa

The judge sai jockey seems to h cretion as to what going to play. A rules or regulations way limit his discr

Mr Worsley re that I know of."

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When Mr Worsley a case of whisky a would be corruptio continued: "Then country is rife with and no doubt the criteria against it is ther basis.

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"But to give a ti jockey to prefer on another seems to m between taking undu of social contact and properly, on the one exploiting ordinary tact, on the other."

Speed limits call

Mr Frederick Drayton Porter, Chief Constable of Cambridgeshire, called yesterday for graduated speed limits to be introduced on Britain's roads as 70 mph was too high for many trunk roads.

Steamship cash

Because of a drop donations, the rest Brunel's steamship, Britain, in Bristol run into a financial c may halt work after this year.

Now is the time to buy fresh meat

Food Prices

Hugh Clayton

Prices of fresh food are remarkably steady this week, but farmers say that is merely the lull before the storm. They recommend lovers of fresh meat, poultry and fruit to enjoy them now, because prices are sure to rise at the end of this year as surely and as quickly as they did at the end of 1972.

Beef is undoubtedly the best meat buy, partly because the astonishing price rises of 18 months ago convinced many people that they would never be able to afford it again.

But brisket on the bone at 20p and rib at 40p a pound are not expensive by today's standards, and many butchers are offering these cuts at these prices. Even at the more costly end of the market there are discernible reductions. English rump steak is hovering around 92p a pound instead of the 98p of a few weeks ago.

More supermarkets are joining the campaign to increase consumption of New Zealand lamb by cutting prices while levels for pork and poultry remain steady. Even bacon has been free for some weeks of its usual see-saw motion on the wholesale market.

Prices of most of the popular fish varieties show little change. Some good crabs are reaching fishmongers in the south, but at 32p to 38p a pound they are rather dear. Canadian salmon is cropping up in several areas at 90p to £1.15 a pound and a few shops are selling small Torbay soles for as little as 20p a pound.

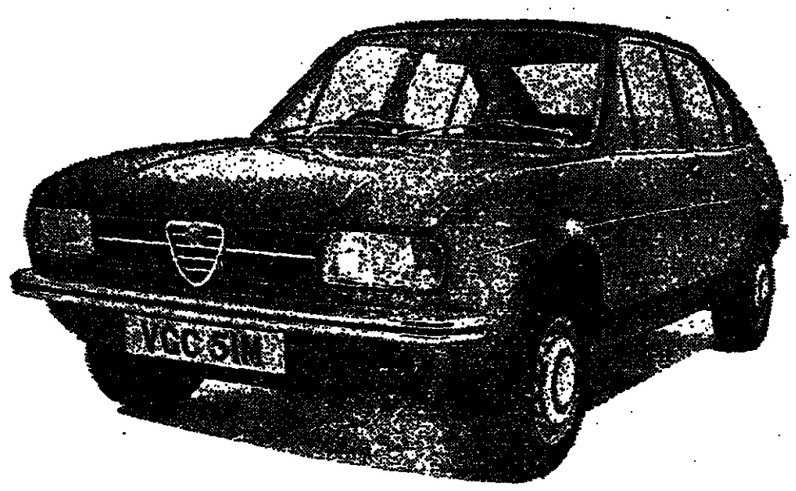
New potatoes are arriving in bulk from the Middle East at 6p a pound or more while the Jersey variety cost at least 18p a pound and may reach 25p. Tomatoes continue to become cheaper, European varieties now costing 28p to 36p and Canary 20p to 30p.

Green vegetables will cost more because of the dry weather but roots and home-grown fruit like rhubarb will show little change. Supplies of medium-sized pineapples at 25p to 45p each have improved. There are also more European strawberries but they may be insipid.

Supplies of imported salad vegetables have increased and there should be reductions on green peppers.

The message for the consumer with time to spare in preparation is to eat as much fresh food as possible. Farmers say many of today's steady prices result from the Government's espousal of the consumer cause. They add that a combination of steady shop prices and rising costs of producing food can only erode farmers' confidence and lead to shortages.

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Fair Wages Resolution does not allow firm to pay workers more

Racal Communications Ltd v Pay Board

Before Mr Justice Griffiths, sitting as an additional judge of the Chancery Division

Racal Communications Ltd, manufacturers of electronic equipment, were refused declarations that because their employees were engaged on government contracts, the company were entitled to increase their wages by virtue of the Fair Wages Resolution passed by the House of Commons in October, 1946. His Lordship granted a counter-declaration sought by the Pay Board that Racal would comply with the requirements of the resolution by paying their workers in grades covered by an agreement of August 18, 1972, rates of wages not less favourable than those set out in the agreement.

Mr John Balcombe, QC, and Mr Alexander Irvine for Racal; Mr T. H. Bingham, QC, and Mr C. H. Bathurst for the board.

His LORDSHIP said that Racal of Bracknell, Berkshire, were substantial government contractors employing about 300 hourly paid, 100 weekly paid and 230 monthly paid employees. Annual wage reviews were implemented on July 1 each year. In April, 1973, Racal were losing their work force at an alarming rate to competitors. The wages paid by them had been frozen by the Counter-Inflation (Temporary Provisions) Act, 1972, at the levels fixed in July, 1972, and Racal looked for some way in which they could meet their employees' demands to match the wages paid by other employers in the district.

Because they were government contractors, Racal concluded that they could increase wages by virtue of the Fair Wages Resolution of 1946. Accordingly they gave increases to their hourly, weekly and monthly paid employees which they reported to the Pay Board. The board objected. It was with the construction of the Fair Wages Resolution that Racal's application was concerned.

The Price and Pay Code under the Counter-Inflation Act was brought into effect by the Counter-Inflation (Price and Pay Code) Order on April 1, 1973. There were exceptions to the pay limits there laid down, and by paragraph 134 the Fair Wages Resolution was not to count against the pay limit.

The resolution provided: "1(a) The contractor shall pay rates of wages and observe hours and conditions of labour not less favourable than those established for the trade or industry in the district where the work is carried out by machinery of negotiation or arbitration to which the parties are organizations of employers and trade unions representative respectively of substantial proportions of the employers and workers engaged in the trade or industry in the district; (b) in the absence of any rates of wages, hours or conditions of labour so established the contractor shall pay rates of wages and observe hours and conditions of labour which are not less favourable than the general level of wages, hours and conditions observed by other employers whose general circumstances in the trade or industry in which the contractor is engaged are similar."

Racal had submitted that clause 1(a) was not applicable to them and that therefore they were entitled to raise their rates of wages to the general level of wages observed by other employers in like circumstances pursuant to caluse 1(b). They claimed they had done no more than that by the increases they had given.

The Pay Board claimed that Racal were covered by clause 1(a), so far as their hourly and weekly employees were concerned, and that as, in July, 1972, they were already paying rates of wages in excess of the standard set by clause 1(a), no further increases were permitted by virtue of the Fair Wages Resolution.

Evidence had been produced of the circumstances in industry surrounding the passing, not only of the Fair Wages Resolution of 1946, but also of its predecessors in 1891 and 1909, and of a House of Lords Select Committee report on the sweating system which immediately preceded the 1891 resolution, together with a report of the Fair Wages Committee of 1908 commissioned by the Lords Commissioners of the Treasury to inquire into the working of the 1891 resolution.

The present appeared to be the first occasion on which a court had been called upon to construe a House of Commons resolution. Counsel for both sides accepted that the same principles of construction should be applied as governed the construction of statutory legislation, and the parliamentary history of legislation was not a permissible aid. But the words of the 1946 resolution had to be given the meaning attached to them in 1946, and it was against the 1946 background of industrial conditions that the resolution had to be construed.

Racal were members of the Engineering Employers' Federation and most of their work force belonged to unions who were members of the Confederation of Shipbuilding and Engineering Unions. An agreement of August 18, 1972, between the federation and the confederation provided for national minimum rates of wages for engineering workers. The Pay Board had submitted that the rates fixed by that agreement were within clause 1(a), and as Racal were already paying more than those rates, no further increases were permissible.

Counsel for Racal had submitted that clause 1(a) applied only to district rates of wages and that a national agreement did not come within the clause unless the rates of wages fixed were specifically adopted in or for the district. His Lordship did not so read the language. A national agreement applied to all districts, and there was no reason for excluding them from clause 1(a). Then, it was said, history showed that clause 1(a) was only intended to apply to district rates and the clause should be so construed.

The history, in brief, was that a 1908 committee of senior civil servants reported that although the 1891 resolution did not refer to a rate of wages paid in a district, it had been interpreted by government departments as obliging the contractor to pay the rate of wages current in the district in order to secure that the wages paid for government work were those ordinarily paid by good employers to competent workmen in each trade in the district where the work was carried out. The form of the 1909 resolution spelt out the interpretation of the 1891 resolution already adopted by government departments and showed that collective bargaining between unions and employers was beginning to make an impact upon wage patterns, although almost all such wage negotiations took place at district level.

In 1942 a White Paper put forward a draft for a new on which it commente standard of fair wage longer be solely the r 'good employers' in th The employer will be r observe such condition been established for the industry in the district, sentative joint machinery lation or by arbitration." adopted as the Fair Wage tion of 1946.

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Accordingly he must make the declarations Racal and he would counter-declarations sou Pay Board.

Solicitors: Stephenson & Tatham for Racal; for the Pay Board.

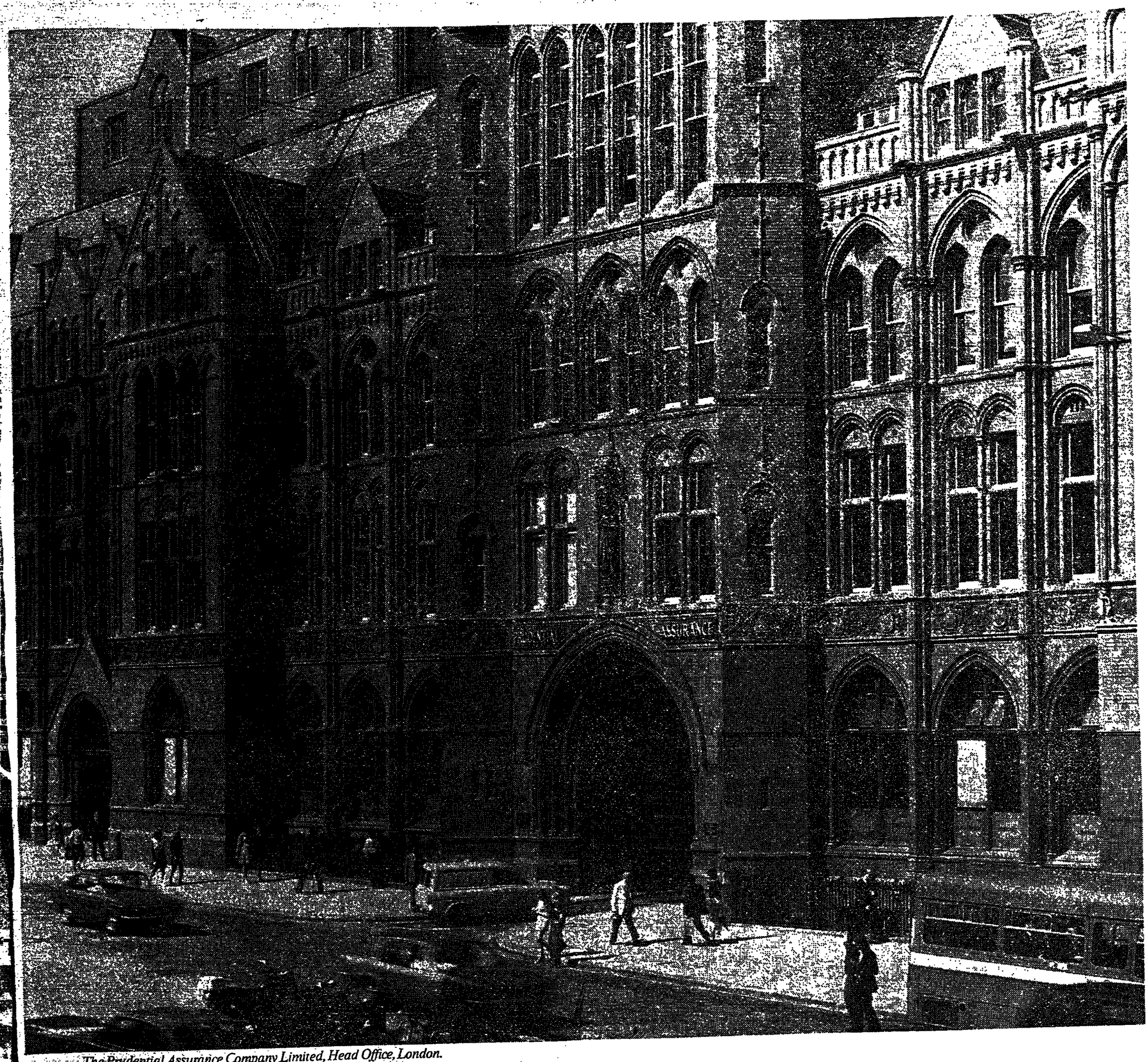
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Groundnut losses

Answers from the Minister of Food in the House of Commons yesterday confirm reports of the serious effects of the drought on the groundnut and sunflower crops which the Overseas Food Corporation are seeking to grow in Tanganyika. This is more bad luck and Mr Strachey prudently refrained from giving any fresh estimates of likely yields from the 50,000 acres cropped at Kongwa.

Too many forecasts have already been bandied about before anyone could possibly say with confidence whether this untried land at Kongwa with its chancy rainfall could be relied upon for worthwhile yields of oil seeds. On March 14 Mr Strachey that developments at Ko first centre, would be li that the southern offered better prospects terday he told the Hous southern province, whe is being started this yea suffered so severely drought. More mode schemes in a number of districts might have save payer many millions.



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WEST EUROPE

Communist blunders aid cause of M Giscard d'Estaing as foreign policy becomes poll issue

From Charles Hargrove
Paris, May 9

Foreign policy went largely by default in the presidential election campaign so far. The reason is that the average Frenchman is more interested in inflation than in the Middle East or Europe, and because all three leading candidates have endorsed, with minor shades of difference, the Gaullist concepts of national independence and a "European Europe".

But in the second round of the campaign, which opens officially tonight at midnight, it will play a much more central role.

The resignation of Herr Brandt, a victim of communist subversion, provides M Valéry Giscard d'Estaing's supporters with ready ammunition in mobilizing public opinion against the menace lurking behind M François Mitterrand.

The Soviet Government, and the French Communist Party, could not have acted more clumsily even if they wished to embarrass the candidate of the left. The Soviet Ambassador called on M Giscard d'Estaing two days ago, ostensibly to discuss Franco-Russian economic cooperation.

The French Communist Party has reacted indignantly, describing the visit as "inopportune". The Socialist Party's reaction was "it could have been avoided." There was no better way of demonstrating that Soviet interests do not always coincide with those of the local party.

M Georges Marchais, the Communist Party's secretary-general, conspicuous for his discretion in the first part of the campaign, has begun to indulge in such outrageous proclamations of Gaullist faith that he cannot seriously expect they will take anyone in.

In the battle for the spoils of Gaullism, M Giscard d'Estaing's claim to be the true executor of the General's foreign policy rings truer in the ears of most Frenchmen than that of M Georges Marchais. M Michel Jobert, the Foreign Minister, has not had a moment's hesitation: he announced today that he was now supporting the Finance Minister.

M Giscard d'Estaing recalled at a press conference this morning that General de Gaulle had restored to France independence, and the stability of institutions. "This policy will be continued by me if I am elected."

It was essential to give a new impetus to European unity, both in the economic and especially the monetary fields, and politically. "1980 and the goal of European union is not so far off", he stated. He was already thinking of a timetable

His personal friendship with Herr Helmut Schmidt, Herr Brandt's heir-apparent, and their common experience of monetary and economic problems would facilitate cooperation between France and West Germany. "France is an independent country which practises international cooperation We will have relations with the United States based on partnership but not on dependence."

In a radio interview today, he emphasized that France would be able to avoid dependence on the United States if she followed a reasonable policy.

"I want to be the candidate of freedom, liberalization and change," he declared.

Both candidates in this campaign were appealing to Gaullism. But one had always fought against it, while the other had always supported it. "Those who would not have allowed General de Gaulle to come to power in 1958 are not qualified to appeal to the Gaullists", he stated.

18 nations mourn air crash victims

From Richard Wigg
Paris, May 9

More than 400 Britons today joined the bereaved of 17 other countries to pay last homage to the victims of the worst disaster in civil aviation history. It was the crash of a Turkish Airlines DC10 on March 3 just after leaving Paris, in which more than 350 people were killed.

At the Thiais cemetery the Britons were among a thousand people who took part in a Christian ecumenical service followed by similar Jewish, Muslim, Buddhist and Hindu rites.

At the moving climax of the ceremony, the relatives of all the nations, led by their countries' ambassadors, walked in slow procession down a long line of poplars to lay their wreaths in a vaulted mortuary. It contained symbolically the tombs of 52 victims who have not been identified.

The Britons tried to control their emotions, but Turkish women were led away wailing uncontrollably. Some Japanese parents carried photographs of their young sons or daughters.

Over the cemetery flew the flags of the nations to which the victims belonged

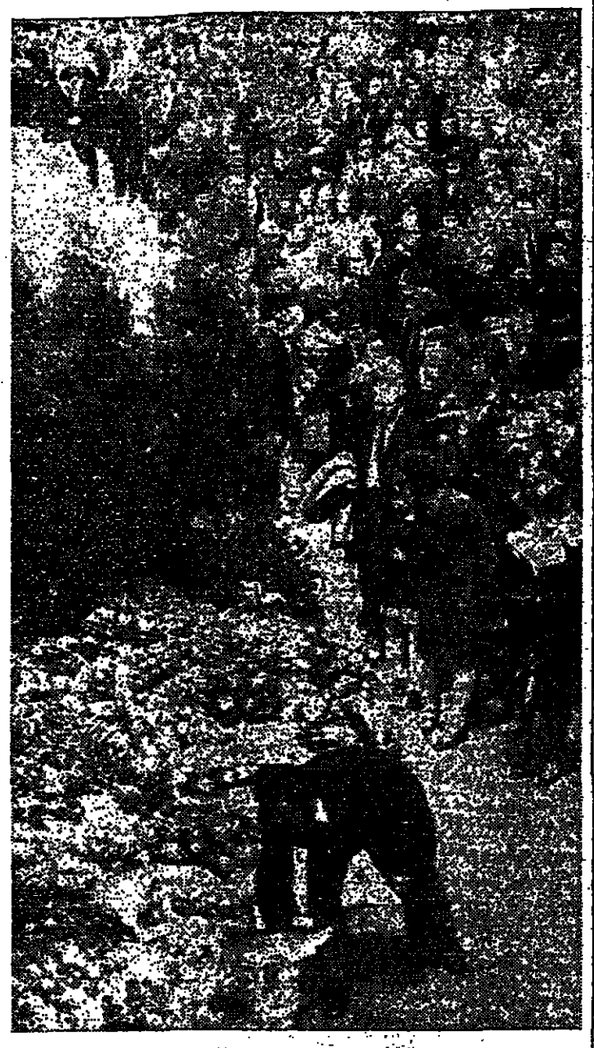
M Aymar Achille-Fould, French Secretary of State for Transport, said to the bereaved in a short address: "May those of you who weep here for your loved ones know that France, too, looks on them as her own children."

The British Government was represented by Mr Stanley Clinton Davis, Parliamentary Under Secretary at the Department of Trade, and Sir Edward Tomkins, the Ambassador to France.

About 180 Britons lost their lives in the disaster after being transferred to the Turkish airliner at Paris because of a British Airways strike. Eighty of these victims have been identified over the past two months and many of the bodies returned for burial in Britain.

Today's ceremony was for the unidentified victims from all the 18 nations to whom the French authorities plan to give burial in two plots at the Thiais cemetery in the next few days.

A Staff Reporter writes: Mr Jack Ashley, Labour MP for Stoke-on-Trent, South, said last night that the sound of aircraft drowned the voice of the French minister who spoke at the funeral ceremony. That had been an outrageous violation of the feelings of bereaved people, and a violation of a pledge he had received from the British Foreign Office that no aircraft would fly over during the ceremony. He said he would be making the "strongest representations" to the Foreign Secretary about "this deplorable disregard by the French of a solemn pledge".



Relatives and friends of people who died in the Turkish Airlines DC10 crash near Paris placing flowers at the foot of a monument to the unidentified victims.

Salazar exile invested as university rector

From Our Correspondent
Lisbon, May 9

Dr Rui Luiz Gomes, one of Portugal's prominent left-wing exiles who returned home last week, has been invested as Rector of Oporto University. Seventeen years ago he was dismissed from his professorship by Dr Salazar, the late Prime Minister, because of his political activities.

He returns to the university at the request of the students.

During his exile Dr Gomes, who is one of Portugal's most brilliant mathematicians, was a professor in Argentina and at Recife University in Brazil.

In 1949 he stood as opposition candidate for President but his candidacy was rejected by the Council of State. He served a prison sentence for his political activities from August, 1956 to September, 1957, after which he left the country.

At his investiture as rector he assured his fellow professors and students that he would work for the establishment of confidence between them.

About 500 political prisoners of the former regime are covered by an amnesty conceded by the junta, a legal source disclosed today. The examination of their cases has been entrusted to Dr Antonio Monteiro, the assistant public prosecutor, who has established his headquarters in the Lisbon law court building.

People who have lived and worked clandestinely for years are beginning to emerge. One of them, Senhor Americo Lee of Sines, 100 miles south of Lisbon, was denounced as a communist and lived for 2 years in Lisbon under a false identity.

Our New York Correspondent writes: The heads of three United Nations committees today issued a call to Portugal to open negotiations immediately with the national liberation movements in its African territories. The purpose, they said, should be "ending Portuguese colonialism" in the territories.

The statement was made at a press conference by Mr Salim Ahmed Salim, the Tanzanian chairman of the decolonization committee, Mr Edwin Ogbu, Nigerian chairman of the special committee on apartheid, and Mr Rashleigh Jackson, Guyanese president of the Council for Namibia (South-West Africa).

Guerrillas blow up train

Beira, May 9.—Guerrillas today blew up a goods train on Mozambique's Beira-Malawi railway line with landmines near the major railway station of Inhaminga, 120 miles north of here, informed sources said. No one was hurt.

The sudden spate of guerrilla violence which has claimed at least nine lives during the past two days, is the first flare-up in this Portuguese East African territory since the military coup in Lisbon two weeks ago.

The attacks followed a c on May 3 by Samora Mach the Frelimo leader, for guerrillas to step up the fi against Portuguese forces Mozambique. The Lisbon jun has since offered a ceasefire guerrillas in Portuguese Afric

Dar es Salaam, May 9.—T Foreign Ministers of Tanzan Zambia, Zaire and the Cor called today for an intensifi tion of the guerrilla wars Portugal's African territories Reuter.

Rome journalists occupy own paper

From Peter Nichols
Rome, May 9

The editorial staff of the Rome daily newspaper *Il Messaggero* made use of their own front page one morning this week to announce bitterly that the newspaper had now been finally sold over their heads. They described the sale as part of a deliberate policy aimed at suffocating the freedom of the press and democratic liberties.

The purchase completes the departure from the newspaper of the Perrone family who owned it completely until a year ago. Last May, a half of the shares were purchased from a member of the family in a highly controversial move said to have had the backing of the Christian Democratic Party.

The purchaser was a right-wing Catholic publisher, Signor Edilio Rusconi. Now the other half of the shares have passed, it is understood, to the Montedison company whose president, Signor Eugenio Cefis, is generally regarded as having a close relationship with the present Christian Democratic Party leadership.

The *Il Messaggero* staff have declared an indefinite strike, with meetings each evening. They say that no one will be allowed into the building to take over the newspaper without the staff's consent.

The timing of the sale of *Il Messaggero* adds its own drama. For weeks now, there have been disturbing stories about changes and projected changes in the proprietorship of several newspapers, as well as rumours about agreements among leading politicians and industrialists on questions of editorial policy.

These moves are reliably reported to involve at least six newspapers apart from *Il Messaggero* including the Milan *Corriere della Sera* over which it has been said, the chairman of Montedison has long wanted to have some control.

Signor Cefis is also said to have been the supporter of the projected founding of a new Milan newspaper, to be called *Il Giornale*. Former *Corriere* journalists have been recruited for the new newspaper

The *Il Messaggero* staff in their statement this week connected the sale of their newspaper and the actual and reported changes elsewhere with the present campaign for the abrogation of divorce.

A referendum is being held this weekend on the subject of divorce and fears have been expressed that the political character imposed on the campaign for or against divorce might well presage a more lasting deterioration in Italian democracy.

Herr Brandt's detractors find fertile ground for sowing seeds of rumour

From Dan van der Vat
Bonn, May 9

Two tendencies in the German national character, if there be such a thing, are now locked in combat for the last word on the personality of Herr Willy Brandt, the fallen Chancellor.

On the left, which is to say within Herr Brandt's Social Democratic Party, a new legend of the "stab in the back" is being feverishly developed.

On the right, among the opposition and the newspapers which support it, there is *Schadenfreude*, accompanied by the not altogether unprecedented or unrelated interest in kicking a man when he is down.

Today several newspapers and magazines have begun retailing the rumours about Herr Brandt's private life which have been common, not to say very common, gossip here for years, particularly in the last fortnight since the so-called "spy in the Chancellery" was arrested.

Yesterday it was merely reported that Herr Günter Guillaume, the suspected spy and Herr Brandt's personal assistant for party matters, had led to Herr Brandt's resignation.

He had, it was stated, threatened to reveal all he knew about alleged carelessness with top secret papers by the former Chancellor, and also "piquant details of his private life", if he was brought to trial rather than returned to East Germany.

In today's press, specific stories have been retailed. The British concept of libel being unknown here, there is little or no risk in publishing such material. I am sure there is much more to come. It will get worse, and also farther and farther from the truth.

But there is nothing in any of it, published or unpublished, to suggest that Herr Brandt is anything but a normal human being made up of virtues and faults.

The faults may come to include excessive honesty, self-indulgence, naivety, indiscretion and a strong tendency to trust the unworthy. There is a strong element of death-wish in the former Chancellor's character, which provides the underlying explanation for his fall.

On the other side, elements in his party are saying that he was the victim of a plot involving ministers, intelligence agencies, members of the Opposition and the right-wing press.

Neither the "stab in the back" theory nor *Schadenfreude* appear to fit the situation. In the calm of the future, historians will conclude that Willy Brandt, like the central figure in an ancient Greek tragedy, was destroyed by a flaw in his own character.

The indestructible political legacy of the man is the reconciliation with the Soviet block, the rehabilitation of his country, and the often forgotten fact that he persuaded the Dutch and the Scandinavians to purge their hate and fear of the Germans.

Against that we have now to set the fact that his private life bore a resemblance in one respect, apparently, to that of David Lloyd George.

Frau Klarsfeld allowed bail

Bonn, May 9.—Frau Beate Klarsfeld, held in Cologne since April 17 on a warrant alleging she and her husband tried to kidnap a former Nazi officer in 1971 to make him serve a life sentence passed in absentia in France, has been released on bail.

Her Israeli lawyer said that she would appear for trial on June 26.—*Reuter.*

Russians embarrassed by resignation over 'spy'

From Edmund Stevens
Moscow, May 9

Herr Brandt's abrupt resignation as Chancellor of West Germany is being handled gingerly by the Russian press. It has not mentioned the role or even the name of Günter Guillaume, the alleged East German spy who had ferreted his way into Herr Brandt's entourage.

Unmentioned also is the story of how Herr Brandt, who pioneered East-West détente with his *Ostpolitik*, was duped and humiliated by the East Germans after he won them diplomatic recognition and United Nations membership.

A Tass report in today's Moscow newspapers refers briefly to the Chancellor's statement to the Social Democratic group in the Bundestag on his reasons for his resignation, but gives only that part in which Herr Brandt pledged not to forsake the cause to which he had devoted his life.

Tass claims that political observers in Bonn give as the main reason for Herr Brandt's resignation "difficulties of an internal political character, also the campaign of defamation to which he was subjected by the Opposition".

In thus ascribing Herr Brandt's undoing to his political opponents, who are also the opponents of détente and will predictably make the most of the episode for their own purposes, the Russians seek to divert the blame from their East German allies and, by association, from themselves.

Such doctoring may serve some internal propaganda needs but is unlikely to remove the blush from East German faces or lessen the impact on world opinion of this self-inflicted blow to the Soviet block's détente policy. *Pravda* quotes West German opinion that Herr Brandt's resignation will not affect Bonn foreign policy.

But the Kremlin leaders can scarcely accept that at face value because they know only too well that Herr Brandt was the heart and soul of his *Ostpolitik*.

At the very least Moscow can expect a hardening of Bonn's attitude.

Whatever the repercussions, the prevailing optimism here is that in the long run the roots of détente are by now deep enough and strong enough to survive, especially in the economic field.

Bonn Interior Minister under fire

From Our Own Correspondent
Bonn, May 9

A large question mark hung today over the head of Herr Hans-Dietrich Genscher, the Minister of the Interior.

Until today, it seemed clear that he would take over the Foreign Ministry and the chairmanship of the Free Democrats in succession to Herr Walter Scheel who is expected to be elected President next Wednesday.

This could still happen because time is short. The day after the presidential election comes the election of the new Chancellor, and the expected victor, Herr Helmut Schmidt, is to name his cabinet the next day. But a lot of politicians do not want it to happen.

Herr Genscher's critics point out that as Interior Minister he has been responsible for the counter-intelligence services.

These services failed to prevent Herr Günter Guillaume, the alleged "Spy in the Chancellery", whose discovery was the direct cause of Herr Brandt's resignation, from penetrating the heart of the Government.

Further, a number of Social Democrats, and even a few Free Democrats, are unhappy about the role of Herr Genscher himself in the events preceding the resignation.

Soon after the arrest of Herr Guillaume, Herr Genscher said there was no question of his being exchanged for prisoners held by the East Germans. This statement not only tied the Government's hands, it led by all accounts to an alleged attempt to blackmail Herr Brandt to get Herr Guillaume off.

Finally, the Free Democrats have sought an extension of the deadline for the nomination of presidential candidates from today to Tuesday, the eve of the ballot. This seems a curious thing to do when Government and Opposition have each put up a candidate.

The anti-Genscher elements want Herr Scheel to stay on both as party chairman and Foreign Minister. To stop Herr Genscher they would accept Dr Richard von Weizsäcker, the respected opposition nominee, as President.

Monaco marks 25 years since the accession

From Our Own Correspondent
Paris, May 9

Prince Rainier of Monaco today celebrated the twenty-fifth anniversary of his accession to the throne of the Principality. The ceremonies to mark the event will reach a climax on Sunday when the Prince, Princess Grace and their three children invite all their 4,500 subjects to a mass picnic.

The Prince has, above all in these 25 years, ensured the Principality's economic transformation, multiplying the Monegasque business turnover some 188 times. There are now about 690 firms employing 18,000 people.

The famous Societe des Bains de Mer, running Monaco's gaming and luxury hotel business, now accounts for some 30 per cent of the Principality's business activities.

Señora Allende appeals for aid in Netherlands

From Our Correspondent
The Hague, May 9

Señora Hortensia Allende, widow of the Chilean President who died during the military coup last September, is visiting the Netherlands to help raise funds for the resistance in Chile.

She has been received at the highest government level, has talked to the Parliamentary Commission for Foreign Affairs and Mr Joop den Uyl, the Prime Minister to whom she appealed for help to isolate the present regime in Chile economically and politically.

The working classes in Chile are "living on bread and water", Señora Allende has told various meetings.

The money collected in the Netherlands will be sent to the secretariat in Rome which coordinates European action for Chilean resistance.

Government resigns in Iceland

Reykjavik, May 9.—The left-wing Government of Mr Olafur Johannesson resigned during the night and a general election will be held on June 30.

Mr Johannesson's coalition, which included the People's Union (Communists), lost its majority in Parliament this week because of growing dissatisfaction over the country's economic difficulties. It had been in office for three years.

The last elections in June, 1971, unseated a coalition government formed by the Independence Party and the Social Democrats, who won 28 seats in the 60-seat Althing (Parliament).

The Progressive Party led by Mr Johannesson won 17 seats, the People's Union 10 and the Liberal Left, five, making a total of 32 seats.

The three parties polled 51.2 per cent of the vote. Mr Johannesson took office on July 14, 1971, with two Communists in his seven-man Cabinet.—Agence France-Presse.

Paris bourse open again after strike

Paris, May 9.—The Paris Bourse reopened today after a strike of nearly six weeks, the longest in its history. No sensational rises or falls were reported, however, and share prices showed little change.

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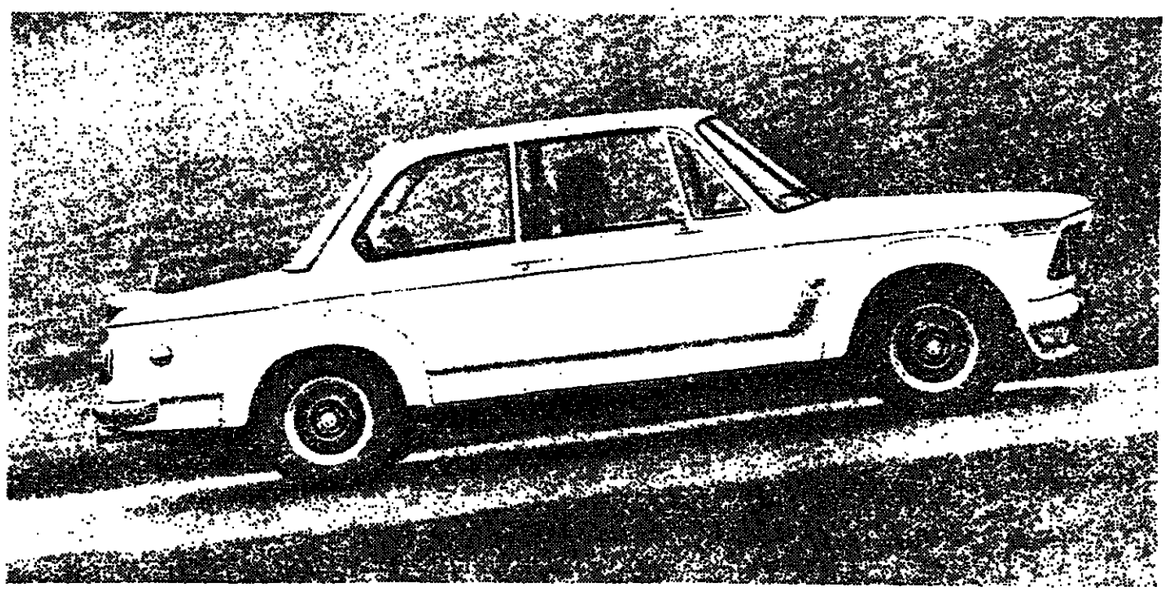
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Senators' inquiry into original Watergate prosecution can only add to White House agony

From Fred Emery

Washington, May 9

The Senate judiciary committee, not to be out-done by its House counterpart, confirmed today that it is to open an inquiry into the conduct of the original criminal investigation of the Watergate break-in.

As is known, the law authorities failed to detect the cover-up, and even asserted at the first trial that the case was limited to the seven men duly convicted. Only through the consecutive actions of such well-known characters as Judge Sirica, Mr James McCord, Mr Jeb Magruder and Mr John Dean did the case fall apart.

It is President Nixon's transcripts that have prompted the new hearings. They suggest that a long line of prosecutors and senior men at the Justice Department may have done less than their duty, in deference to White House wishes. The new hearings can only add to the agony of the White House, assuming the President's men have time to notice.

Ostensibly this Senate committee is considering Mr Nixon's nomination to the post of United States Attorney here of Mr Earl Silbert, who was in charge of the original Watergate prosecution. He was already in some difficulty before the transcripts.

But it is his superiors the senators are now interested in. In line for new appearances are Mr Richard Kleindienst, Attorney General at the time, and Mr Henry Petersen, Assistant Attorney General, who went on for a while in the spring of 1973 to become the President's conduit to the mushrooming investigation.

Publication of the transcripts of Mr Petersen's intimate conversations with the President have triggered disclosure of a hitherto unknown fact. This was that all the prosecutors then fell out among themselves, and refused last spring to provide new information to Mr Petersen in order to withhold it from a President whom Mr Silbert's team now suspected.

As for Mr Kleindienst, it is persistently reported that the special Watergate prosecutor is considering whether to indict him for perjury over the ITT affair in his own nomination hearings in 1972 before the Senate judiciary committee. Apparently the prosecutors are wrestling with the fact that ever since resigning a year ago Mr Kleindienst has fully cooperated with his testimony.

The other important Senate committee—although it is in fact being overtaken by events—is Senator Ervin's Watergate committee, and it is desperately trying to keep in the news with leaks of its pending report.

This is disclosed as another bulky document running to 1,500 pages. Essentially its purpose is to recommend new legislation to ensure against future Watergates.

The draft, tentative and, above all, staff conclusions have hit the *headlines sensationally* with rehashed versions of either old allegations, or by now generally accepted allegations that will have to be decided by the courts.

The committee was meeting today to decide what to do about the report—with clear signs that some of them have been leaking it, or those 170 pages so far circulated.

Its burden so far is that the staff does not accept the sworn testimony of three key men in the first Nixon administration. Thus the draft of the report disbelieves Mr John Mitchell's insistence that he did not authorize the money for the Watergate raids; it disbelieves Mr John Ehrlichman's denial that he did not authorize the "plumbers" break-in at Dr Ellsberg's psychiatrist's; it disbelieves Mr H. R. Haldeman's insistence that payments of $400,000 to the Watergate suspects were not hush money, but merely "support" for defence costs.

All of this is highly prejudicial, and it could certainly be changed in part by the committee members. One reason is that the report appears to reject most of the administration testimony and accept most of what was sworn by Mr Dean, the President's chief accuser.



King Hussain and Queen Alya of Jordan with their newly-born daughter Haya.

Dr Kissinger in talks with King Faisal

Riyadh, May 9.—Dr Henry Kissinger, the American Secretary of State, left here tonight for Cairo after a six-hour visit to the Saudi Arabian capital briefing King Faisal and other leaders on his latest Arab-Israel peace efforts.

He flew here this afternoon from Israel, and had a meeting with the King lasting one hour.

Before leaving, Dr Kissinger announced that Prince Fahd ibn Abdul-Aziz, the Saudi Minister of the Interior, would visit the United States later this month to continue discussions on wide-ranging cooperation in technical, economic and scientific fields.

Dr Kissinger spoke warmly of the Saudi leader's advice for his efforts to secure a disengagement agreement between Syria and Israel on the Golan front. Mr al-Said Omar al-Sakkaf, the Minister of State for Foreign Affairs, who saw him off at the airport, repeated what he said on Dr Kissinger's arrival here—that Saudi Arabia firmly believed in the sincerity of America and its Secretary of State in their efforts to bring peace to the Middle East.

In an airport statement, Dr Kissinger said that after Cairo he would be visiting other capitals involved in securing a Syrian-Israel disengagement agreement. He added that he would be leading the American side in the talks with Prince Fahd and his delegation, on visit to the United States to begin on May 23.

Tel Aviv, May 9.—Israeli leaders today studied Syria's reaction to their plan for a disengagement on the Golan front. When Dr Kissinger returns here tomorrow from his trips to Saudi Arabia and Egypt, he is expected to be given Israel's latest proposals to take back to Damascus.

For the first time since Dr Kissinger's latest round of shuttle diplomacy began one week ago, United States and Israeli spokesmen expressed cautious optimism.

Mr Abba Eban, the Israeli Foreign Minister, said discussions had reached a crucial stage, while Mr Shimon Peres, the Information Minister, said: "We are at the beginning of the road. There is still a long road before us."

As fighting continued in the Golan Heights, an Israeli military spokesman said jets had bombed Syrian targets for 45 minutes in the Mount Hermon region. Guerrilla concentrations in south Lebanon also were hit after an Israeli outpost at Kfar Dov was fired on across the Lebanese border.

The influential daily newspaper *Haaretz* today said that Israel was prepared to withdraw from strategic Mount Hermon and from most of the ghost town of Quneitra.

Chicago Tribune withdraws its support of Mr Nixon, demanding his removal

From Peter Strafford

New York, May 9

The *Chicago Tribune*, one of the leading Republican newspapers in the Middle West, today publishes a strong leading article calling for President Nixon's resignation or impeachment. "Things have reached such a state", it writes, "that Mr Nixon's departure, one way or another, is the best course for the presidency, the country and the free world".

The *Tribune* speaks for many Mid-Western conservatives, and was long a strong supporter of Mr Nixon. Its change of view, like that of other Republican papers in the area, shows how much the revelations in the Watergate transcripts have shocked people in a very conservative part of the United States.

In a reference to its past support for Mr Nixon, it says: "We saw the public man in his first administration and we were impressed. Now in about 300,000 words we have seen the private man and we are appalled.

"What manner of man is the Richard Nixon who emerges from the transcripts of the White House tapes? We see a man who, in the words of his old friend and defender, Senator Hugh Scott, took a principal role in a 'shabby, immoral and disgusting performance'.

"The key word here is immoral. It is a lack of concern for morality, a lack of concern for high principles, a lack of commitment to the high ideals of public office that make the transcripts a sickening exposure of the man and his advisers.

"He is preoccupied with appearance rather than substance. His aim is to find a way to sell the idea that disreputable schemes are actually good or are defensible for some trumped-up cause.

"He is humourless to the point of being inhumane. He is devious. He is vacillating. He is willing to be led. He displays dismaying gaps in knowledge. He is suspicious of his staff. His loyalty is minimal. His greatest concern is to create a record that will save him and his administration."

The *Chicago Tribune* says that Republican politicians are "defecting in droves", and that there can no longer be a charge that he was "railroaded out of office by vengeful Democrats or a hostile press." It calls on the House of Representatives to act quickly on a Bill of impeachment, because that could force Mr Nixon to "reconsider his stand and recognize that resignation will spare the country the ordeal of a trial."

"We do not share the White House belief that impeachment requires evidence of a specific crime. We believe a President may be removed simply for failing to do his job, or so discrediting himself that he loses public respect and with it, his ability to govern effectively."

Mr Trudeau sets July 8 election date

Ottawa, May 9.—Mr Pierre Trudeau, the Prime Minister, today set July 8 as the date for a general election in Canada.

He announced the date after a 45-minute meeting with his Cabinet. Earlier he met Mr Jules Leger, the Governor General, to ask formally for a writ to dissolve Parliament.

His minority Liberal Government, elected in October, 1972, was defeated yesterday when Progressive Conservative and New Democratic Party (NDP) members of the House of Commons joined to defeat the Government 137—123 on a motion of no confidence over the Budget proposed by Mr Trudeau.

It was only the third time in Canadian history that a government had been defeated in a no confidence vote and the first time a government had fallen as a result of its Budget.

The downfall of the Government was precipitated by the disenchantment of the left-wing NDP with some of the Government's social programmes and its inability to halt inflation, now running at a rate of 10.4 per cent a year.—Reuter.

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Threat of more strikes in India

From Michael Hornsby

Delhi, May 9

India's crippling national rail strike continued for the second day today as the Lok Sabha (Lower House) in Delhi debated a motion of no confidence brought by Opposition parties against Mrs Gandhi's ruling Congress Party.

The Government was in no danger of losing on a vote since it enjoys a two thirds majority in the 521-seat House, but the motion intensified the atmosphere of crisis.

Mrs Gandhi was sufficiently concerned to take the unusual step of inviting Opposition leaders to meet her tomorrow to discuss the political and economic implications of the disruption of the railway system.

The rail strike threatened to spread to workers in the posts and inland revenue departments when the Confederation of Central Government Employees called on its members to stop work from dawn tomorrow in support of the railwaymen.

The Home Ministry immediately gave a warning that all employees who obeyed the strike summons would face disciplinary action under the Defence of India emergency regulations, introduced during the 1971 war. These are still in force.

More than 500 railwaymen were tonight reported to have been dismissed from their jobs since the strike began, and about 7,000 trade unionists arrested during the past week. The Government says that the strike is illegal under the emergency rules.

Meanwhile, Mr George Fernandes, the president of the All-India Railwaymen's Federation (AIRF), which called the strike, tonight began an indefinite fast in Delhi's Tihar jail, where he has been detained since last week.

Mr Fernandes, who was joined in the fast by 20 other jailed trade unionists, was reported to be protesting against "ill-treatment and harassment" by the prison authorities, in particular the denial of legal aid.

The AIRF, which is controlled by Communist and Socialist parties, claims the membership of about half the 1,400,000 full-time railway workers. Most of the others belong to a rival organization, which is affiliated to the Congress Party and not taking part in the strike.

Despite assertions by Government spokesmen in Delhi tonight that the railways were only being "marginally" affected by the strike, reports from different parts of the country suggested extensive dislocation of normal services.

The Government is giving priority to the movement of such essential supplies as foodgrains, coal and petroleum products. Coal stocks at India's six steel plants were today officially described as "adequate", although they are known in some cases to be sufficient only for a few days.

Para-military units were airlifted into the Moghulserai marshalling yard in Uttar Pradesh state to dispel picketing strikers who had effectively paralysed the operation of this important link between the eastern and western halves of the railway network.

Regular and territorial soldiers also were being widely used to guard and man the main railway installations, provide armed escorts on trains, patrol sections of track vulnerable to sabotage and protect "loyal workers" against intimidation.

Indonesia to receive £352m in aid

From Our Corresopondent

The Hague, May 9

The Inter-Governmental Group for Indonesia (IGGI), a group of 13 donor countries and several international organizations, has agreed to give Indonesia $850m (£352m) development aid during the financial year 1974-75. This is $25m less than in the preceding year.

The members of the IGGI, including Britain, concluded during their annual meeting in Amsterdam that Indonesia is in a transitional phase and its economy is developing.

The increased revenue which Indonesia enjoys from its oil exports was a main topic at the meeting, the sixteenth to be held since 1967. The delegates agreed that Indonesia had an economic advantage from the oil crisis and the rising price of oil but the rising cost of imports swallowed up much of the gain.

Some delegates questioned whether Indonesia still needed development aid. The meeting decided it would not be sensible to change the policy of aiding Indonesia overnight, since a substantial cut in development aid at this moment might severely harm the country.

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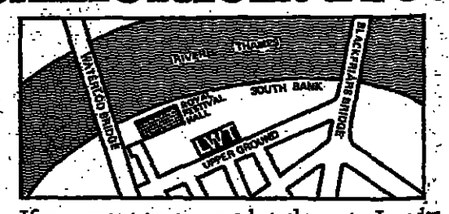
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Religious party holds up formation of new Israel Cabinet

From Eric Marsden
Jerusalem, May 9

While the attempt by Dr Kissinger, the American Secretary of State, to arrange a Syria-Israel disengagement agreement steals the limelight, a related political drama is being played out in Jerusalem—the intricate negotiation by Mr Yitzhak Rabin to form a new Government to succeed that of Mrs Golda Meir.

Mr Rabin, a former Chief of Staff and Ambassador in Washington, is Minister of Labour in the present Government. When he accepted President Katzir's invitation to present a Cabinet after being chosen by the Labour Party as its Prime Minister-designate, Mr Rabin said confidently that he hoped to submit a list of ministers well within the three weeks allowed to him.

However, he has found the Cabinet-forming process more difficult than he expected and two weeks have passed without result. If necessary, Mr Rabin can ask for another 21 days when the present mandate runs out on May 17, but he is redoubling his efforts to complete his task before then.

The delay in setting up a new Government is causing criticism. The Israel constitution provides that when a Prime Minister has resigned the outgoing Government should continue in office until a new one is set up.

Many people feel it is wrong that a caretaker Government, including ministers who are held to blame for mistakes leading to the October war, should be taking crucial decisions on Israel's future, such as where to redraw the border on the Golan Heights.

Mr Menahem Begin, the Opposition leader, has repeatedly declared that a Government which has resigned has no authority to commit the nation to withdraw from occupied territory.

Mr Rabin's chief difficulty is that although he set out to renew the coalition between the Labour Alignment, the National Religious Party and the Independent Liberals, the NRP so far has rejected all his invitations to serve in the Government. He needs its 10 seats to give him a comfortable margin, with 68 out of the 120 Knesset members.

The NRP fears that a Government led by Mr Rabin may be too susceptible to remarks made by him recently when he hinted at the possibility of the return to Arab control of Ramallah, near Jerusalem, and Etzion, a group of Jewish settlements near Bethlehem.

Labour Party leaders would prefer a Government with a majority, however small. They maintain that in spite of the protest movements and criticism which have developed in the past few months, the party won a mandate last December to rule for four years and that Mr Rabin is entitled to serve out that term if he succeeds in forming a Government.

This view is becoming more and more unpopular in Israel and the demand for another general election this year is growing stronge

29 missing after earthquake in Japan

From Peter Hazlehurst
Tokyo, May 9

Twenty-nine people were missing tonight after a strong earthquake rippled across south-eastern Japan, touching off landslips and fires.

At least 117 houses and buildings were destroyed. One person is known to have died and another 26 were injured.

The earthquake, which rumbled through and startled residents in Tokyo, jolted the Izu peninsula, 90 miles south-west of the capital. It disrupted train services and blocked roads in areas adjoining the Izu peninsula. The epicentre of the earthquake was in the Pacific Ocean, 12 miles from the peninsula.

As minor tremors continued to shake the area later today, officials instructed schoolchildren to evacuate potentially dangerous premises.

Many Japanese, conscious of their country's unstable geophysical structure, were reminded of the horror of the great Kanto earthquake which destroyed 408,000 homes and killed 99,331 people in 1923.

Russian trawler rescues five

Wellington, May 9.—A Russian trawler today took five men off a storm battered New Zealand research vessel, the Acheron, reported to be making for Dunedin on one engine with her side stove in. Four men stayed on board.



Ronald Biggs talking to reporters in Rio de Janeiro yesterday.

Mr Biggs mobbed by reporters

Rio de Janeiro, May 9.—Ronald Biggs, the British train robber, was cornered by Brazilian journalists today when he left the safety of his seaside apartment.

The journalists mobbed Mr Biggs and carried him physically into a park nearby when the car in which he was being driven ran out of petrol on a coastal road.

Questioned by the reporters, he denied that he was trying to make money by charging big fees for interviews. He said he was only trying to protect the exclusivity of his memoirs, which were being written by a British journalist friend.

"I am not in financial troubles, but the money from the train robbery ran out eight years ago", he said.

He refused to talk about his past and said he was more worried about his future now. "I will fight very hard to remain in Brazil", he said. "I have great respect for the Brazilian federal police who stopped Scotland Yard from taking me back."

Earlier he told reporters squatting outside his apartment that he was afraid London detectives would try to kidnap him.

He has 27 days left to find a nation willing to give him residence before the Brazilian Ministry of Justice deports him to a country of its choice.

Mr Biggs, aged 44, is out of jail on conditional liberty. He must not stay out later than 10 pm, may not drink alcohol or visit night clubs, and must report once a week to the police.

According to legal sources in the federal capital of Brasilia, Mr Biggs has still "a more than fair chance" of remaining in Brazil if the supreme appeals court rules in his favour.—Reuter and AP.

Sensitive issue of automation threatens to eliminate most of the printers' jobs on main newspapers

Battle in New York composing rooms

From Peter Strafford
New York, May 9

A quiet, but determined test of strength is now under way in New York between the main daily newspapers and the printers' union. It centres on the sensitive issue of automation in the composing room, and the fact that it is good for newspaper economics but cuts out most of the jobs held by printers.

So far, none of the three papers—*The New York Times*, the *Daily News* and the *Post*—has failed to come out. There appears, in fact, to be a general determination to avoid another damaging strike of the sort that has killed so many New York papers in the past.

But things moved nearer to a showdown last Monday night when the *Daily News*, which has lost a great deal of advertising in recent weeks as a result of a printers' go-slow, decided it had had enough. It switched to a new automated process by which it can print without the printers.

The printers immediately set up picket lines outside the building in an attempt to stop the paper coming out but the other unions crossed them. Since then, the *Daily News*, smaller and with a different look to its pages, has continued to be printed on a temporary basis on the new machines by non-union staff.

The question now is how long both sides will hold out. Mr Bertram Powers, the forceful leader of the New York printers, maintains that the *Daily News* cannot hold out for long, and that the test will come when it has to produce the big Sunday papers. But he himself is not being supported by his parent union, the International Typographical Union, and this means that his members are deprived of strike benefits.

The dispute has its roots back in 1970, when a new three-year contract was worked out between the newspapers and all the unions concerned. It was generally regarded as a generous settlement, which gave the unions substantial wage increases without extracting any undertaking from them about automation, an oversight which the managements came to regret later on.

Next time round, therefore, they resolved to do better, and they have made automation the main issue ever since negotiations for a new contract got under way early last year.

They have told the printers that they will guarantee them jobs for the rest of their working lives, but that in return they want unlimited rights to introduce automation into their composing rooms.

The printers replied that they accepted automation and the abolition of jobs that it entailed. But they wanted much firmer guarantees than they had been offered, and they wanted the papers to pay the printers bonuses as incentives to retire.

Both sides recognize that once new automatic equipment is introduced, virtually all the printers' jobs, as they exist at present, will disappear. Some of the printers would be retrained to work the new equipment, while others would have to be transferred to other jobs, probably very unlike what they had been doing.

The negotiations have now been under way, on and off, for well over a year. They have been brought to a pitch by the printers' go-slow, and by the response by the *Daily News*, but Mr Powers said this week that battle had only been joined. He did not expect the crucial test for some weeks.

Mr Powers was himself very much involved when the *Daily News* made its switch to automated equipment this week. He was in the composing room when the first magnesium plates were brought in from the new process. The printers refused to handle them, and he himself twisted one in his hands so that it became unusable.

The management called the police, and all the printers, some 200 at the time, were herded off the premises. Mr Powers and seven of the printers were taken to court, and charged with criminal trespass.

The New York Times and the *Post* have not been involved in this particular dispute, since the printers have been concentrating on the *Daily News*. But the *Times*, which has automated equipment installed and ready for use, has promised to help the *News* if it runs into trouble, an undertaking taken to mean that it would print it on its own presses. This would almost certainly provoke the printers into extending their action.

45 divisions line up on each side of Sino-Soviet border

By Henry Stanhope
Defence Correspondent

China and the Soviet Union both built up their forces to a record number of 45 divisions on the border areas last year. But the likelihood of a Russian attack on China this year is discounted in a new analysis published today.

The International Institute for Strategic Studies in its Strategic Survey 1973, refers to speculation that the Soviet Union, if it did want to attack China, would have to do it soon. After 15 thermonuclear tests, Chinese capabilities were nearing the point where a "surgical strike" on their nuclear installations by the Russians could no longer be certain of success.

The institute says that evidence suggests a great deal of Soviet effort has been devoted to the construction of barracks, family quarters, road and rail links and permanent training grounds near the border—all of which suggests a "garrison force".

The Soviet forces, which do not seem to have been reinforced from Europe or western Russia, include surface-to-surface missiles, and the 500-mile range Scaleboard. Their air defences include the Sam-6 missile which proved itself in the Middle East war last October.

The institute says: "With the powerful Pacific fleet and its land-based naval air arm, these Soviet theatre forces in the Sino-Soviet border area provide a balanced, hard-hitting and effective force which is trained and equipped both for nuclear and for non-nuclear operations".

On the other hand, the institute goes on, it is difficult to believe the Soviet Union could stage a successful offensive into Manchuria and north China without major reinforcement of the 45 divisions, even if they were supported by tactical nuclear weapons.

Russia's nuclear forces could probably have destroyed the Chinese missile force in 1964 or during the Cultural Revolution, the institute says, adding that it is arguable whether they could do so today. Some experts think that the increase in the Chinese forces, their dispersal and the hardening of the missile sites, have made it less than certain that the Russians could succeed.

The Soviet leaders must also conclude, says the survey, that a Soviet attack on China would damage their relations with the United States, cause a wave of anti-Soviet outbursts throughout the Third World, prove a major setback to their European policies and bring about a rise in sympathy for China throughout the world. It would also rule out any chance of a pro-Russian government in Peking.

When Mao Tse-tung goes, the Soviet leadership will undoubtedly try to influence Chinese policies, the institute predicts. But, it adds: "The evidence suggests that the Soviet Union can do little to prevent or delay the growth of China's strategic forces. She must ride out the Mao era and hope that the successor regimes will be either less bitterly anti-Soviet or less homogenous than the present centralized dictatorship.

The institute believes also that the Russians will continue to station a large permanent garrison in the Far East to underline their strength.

In its review of last year, the institute attaches most significance to the Arabs' successful use of their oil weapon in the Middle East war. It is this which produced the greatest shock, the most potent sense of a new era. The survey says that it extended the political arena more than any event since the Chinese Revolution.

As for the fighting itself, the survey thinks that Nato forces as a result will have to look again at their force levels. The size of the Soviet and American air lifts suggested that the attrition rates were almost certainly higher than those now used for war planning in Europe.

The institute describes as "alarming" the increase in arms sales to the Persian Gulf, notably to Saudi Arabia and Iran.

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UN call to help countries hit by price increases

From Our Own Correspondent
New York, May 9

Dr Kurt Waldheim, the United Nations Secretary-General, today launched an appeal for immediate assistance to the countries worst hit by recent price increases, including that of oil. He sent the appeal to 44 countries with the request that they should announce their contributions by June 15.

The appeal derives from the recent special session of the General Assembly on raw materials and development. The intention is that the assistance should go to poor countries with severe balance of payments difficulties so that they can maintain their essential imports over the next 12 months.

In his appeal, Dr Waldheim said that any assistance given should be in addition to existing levels of aid and should be provided soon. So far as possible it should be in the form of grants or, where this was not possible, low-interest loans.

The appeal was sent to the main industrialized countries and the main oil-producing countries.

Illness keeps Chinese Premier from banquet

From David Bonavia
Peking, May 9

Mr Chou En-lai, the Chinese Prime Minister, is unwell and tonight cancelled his attendance at a banquet given in his honour by President Senghor of Senegal.

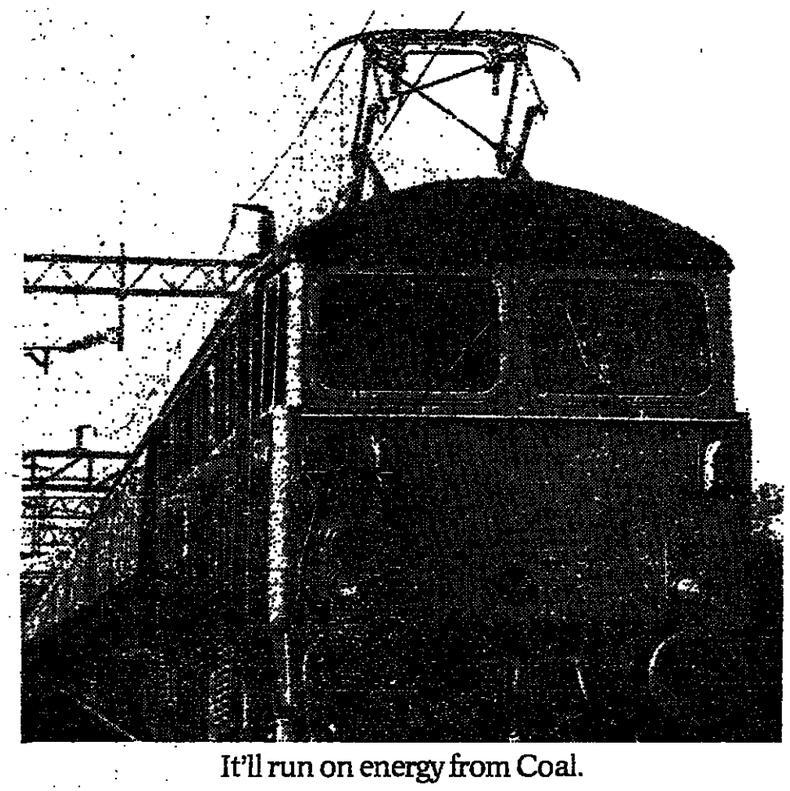
Official Chinese sources said that Mr Chou's sickness was not serious but recalled that he was aged 76.

Mr Chou has been scrupulous in attending all banquets given by or for foreign heads of government visiting Peking in the past few years. Though he looked alert and healthy at his last public appearance a few days ago, there have been reports recently of the excessive work load which he has to bear.

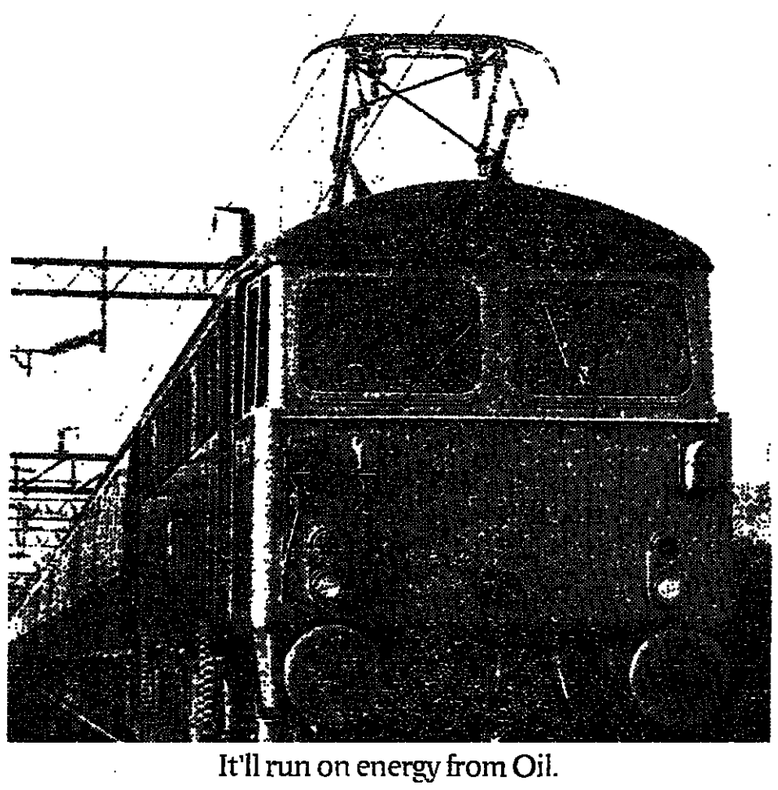
As Prime Minister and chief spokesman on foreign affairs, he had been taking on responsibilities which would be shared between several men in most countries.

Some observers have noted that the reports of Mr Chou's fatigue have coincided with the increasing prominence of Mr Teng Hsiao-ping, a Deputy Prime Minister and member of the Politburo, who last year emerged from seven years in political obscurity after his disgrace in the Cultural Revolution.

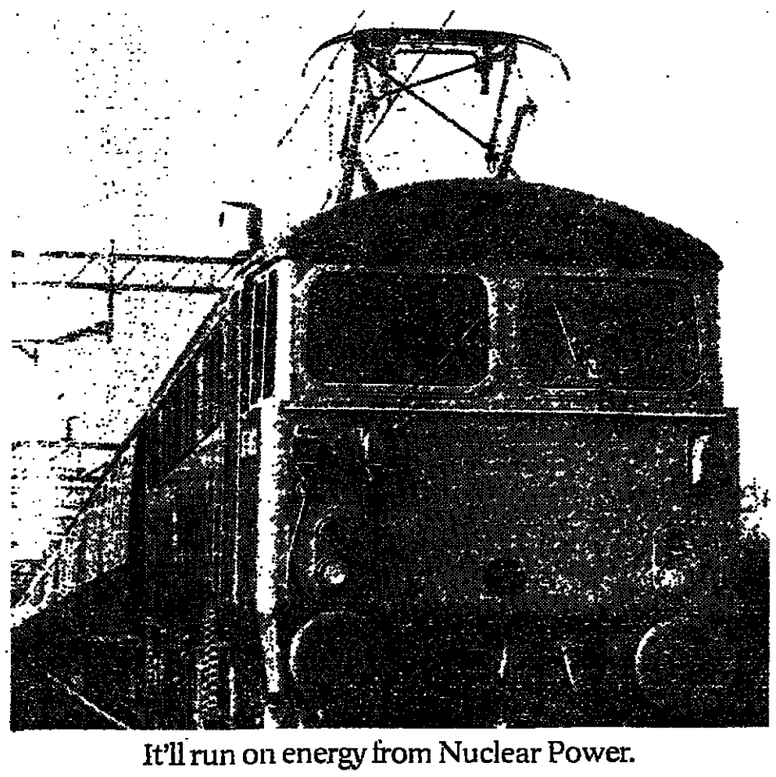
There is, however, still no obvious successor to the post of Prime Minister, should Mr Chou become further incapacitated, just as there is no obvious successor of Chairman Mao Tse-tung.



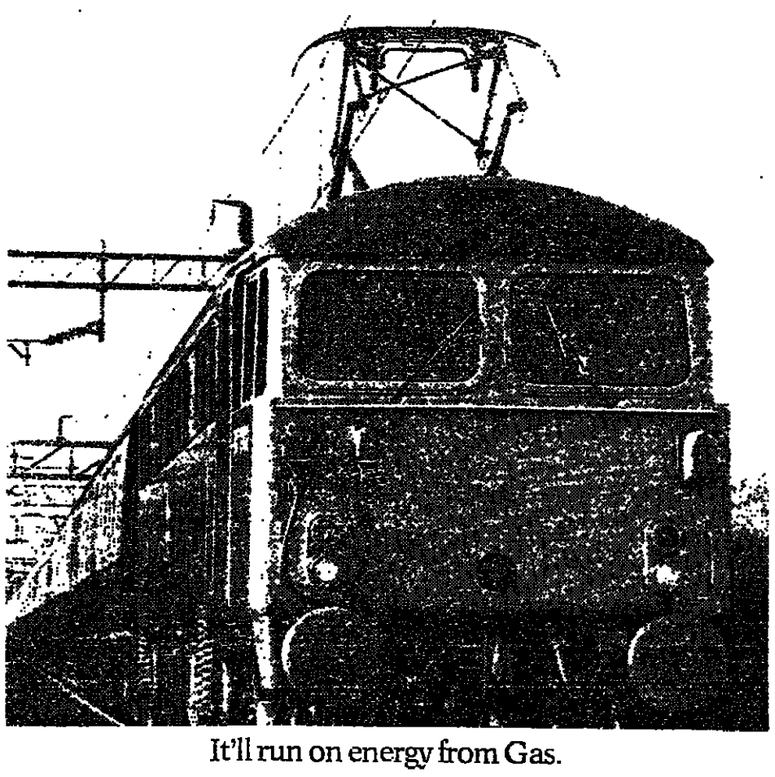
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Cricket

New system still costs too much among middle order players

By John Woodcock
Cricket Correspondent

NORTHAMPTON: Yorkshire, with six second innings wickets in hand, are 77 runs ahead of Northamptonshire.

Yorkshire's traditional weakness against wrist spin could have cost them this match. After taking a first innings lead of 15, they fell foul of Mushtaq, who, on a bitterly cold evening, bowled beautifully—leg breaks mixed with googlies on a pitch which gave him no help to speak of.

Sarfraz started things off by getting Boycott's wicket for the second time in the match, caught behind off a ball that left him. It was outside the off stump that Boycott had his moments of fallibility in West Indies, rather as he has here.

When Boycott was out, he and Lumb had made 29 in half an hour. They had been in no trouble. But at 34 Mushtaq came on and in six overs, five of which were maidens, he bowled Sharpe, Johnson and Lumb. Sharpe, pushing forward to a googly, saw the ball spin back off the bottom of the bat into his stumps; Johnson was forcing off the back foot, and Lumb bowled round his legs, sweeping.

With Hampshire prevented by a bruised thumb from batting at No 4, Old and Bairstow were already together with an hour left. This was reduced to 40 minutes when bad light stopped play 20 minutes early. By keeping a fast bowler on at one end, in partnership with Mushtaq, Watts took a chance with the light and lost it.

For a long time, earlier in the day, both sides had been held up by Virgin; Yorkshire from getting more than three bowling points, and Northamptonshire from getting more than three for batting. In three hours and 35 minutes—or 66 overs—Virgin, having gone in first, scored 52 out of 155. To be fair to him, it was not quite the easiest of pitches, for the occasional ball still moved off the seam. But it really was a tedious innings. Strange, because in his one great year for Somerset, in 1970, he found himself to be best suited by attack.

Willey's share of an opening partnership of 84 was 54. He is a fine hitter of the ball and strong; one of half a dozen good, natural cricketers playing here whose record does not yet match up to their talent. Willey was out to the first of two acrobatic catches by Bairstow. This one was down the leg side; the other, which got rid of Virgin, was wide to the off.

I have only once seen Bairstow keep wicket to Yorkshire's spin bowlers when they were getting the ball past the bat, and he had a difficult time of it. But that was a year or two ago. Against anything of any pace he is beginning to look good, and his stumping of Cook when Northamptonshire were trying to make up for lost time was certainly quick.

Mushtaq was another to be lost in the effort to get a move on. It seems to me that the new system of awarding bonus points, with only four on offer for batting, is unlikely to deter the early prodder or spare the middle order batsmen from having to slog in the closing overs of a first innings. Milburn was another to be lost in this way. So was Sharp, caught at mid-on off a skier. It is fair to say, I think that of the eight Northamptonshire wickets to fall, five were the result of batsmen chasing a bonus point.

From mid-off or mid-on, Boycott brought Yorkshire out of this part of the operation unscathed. A problem he had was to decide who to put at first slip against the faster bowlers. Sharpe was ruled out by a damaged finger, Hampshire by his knock on the thumb and Old could not be there when he was bowling. When Virgin gave his only chance, Carrick, who was being tried there, put it down.

Carrick, with orthodox left arm spin, benefited from Northamptonshire's late fling. Two splendid straight sixes were hit off him by Mushtaq and Sharp but he bowled nicely. Cope, with a new action to satisfy the examiners, looked to be missing the old one—Hutton could do with a new one, but for other reasons. Old had some lively overs, Nicholson one or two unlucky ones. It had not been a bad day for Yorkshire—until Boycott got out after tea.

YORKSHIRE: First Innings 265 for 8 (100 overs) (R. G. Lumb 123 not out; R. M. H. Cottam 5 for 67).

Second Innings	
*G. Boycott, c Sharp, b Sarfraz	17
R. G. Lumb, b Mushtaq	18
P. J. Sharpe, b Mushtaq	1
C. Johnson, b Mushtaq	20
†D. L. Bairstow, not out	1
Extras (b 6 2, n-b 2)	4
Total (6 wkts)	62

J. H. Hampshire, R. A. Hutton, P. Carrick, A. G. Nicholson, G. A. Cope to bat.
FALL OF WICKETS: 1—29, 2—36, 3—38, 4—39.

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE: First Innings

R. T. Virgin, c Bairstow, b Old	52
P. Willey, c Bairstow b Hutton	54
D. S. Steele, c Old, b Carrick	24
Mushtaq Mohammad, c Bairstow, b Old	32
*P. J. Watts, b Cope	20
G. Cook, st Bairstow, b Carrick	18
C. Milburn, c Johnson, b Carrick	6
Sarfraz Nawaz, not out	25
†G. Sharp, c Boycott, b Carrick	14
N. Mallender, not out	1
Extras (b 11, l-b 12, n-b 4)	16
Total (8 wkts, 100 overs)	250

R. M. H. Cottam did not bat.
FALL OF WICKETS: 1—84, 2—99, 3—148, 4—155, 5—202, 6—204, 7—209, 8—237.
BOWLING: Old, 23—4—41—2; Nicholson, 15—3—39—0; Hutton, 18—4—44—1; Cope, 23—6—55—1; Carrick, 22—7—54—4.
Bonus points: Northamptonshire 6, Yorkshire 6.
Umpires: H. D. Bird and H. Yarnold.



Jackman batting yesterday, when he scored a half century.

Nottinghamshire beaten by Surrey in two days

By Peter Marson

GUILFORD: Surrey (16 pts) beat Nottinghamshire (3) by 10 wickets.

Surrey's bowlers, led by Arnold, brought about the county's first championship success when Nottinghamshire were scuppered at the end of the second day yesterday. This pitch may have been slow and lifeless, but the plain truth is that Surrey were too strong for Nottinghamshire at too many points. Arnold's bowling in this match was immaculate. His match analysis of eight for 35 speaks for itself. He had magnificent support from Pocock—eight for 86—Jackman, and an alert field.

Nottinghamshire failed utterly to make the kind of beginning they needed. Harris fell leg-before to Arnold in the last over and Smedley edged a beautiful ball from Arnold to Roope at slip in the third over. Sobers and White closed ranks for a while, consuming time and gathering a sprinkling of runs. Sobers fell eventually to a splendid catch at mid-off by Arnold, but White's obduracy kept his wicket intact until he had made 50, and then he got out.

Randall had been his partner in a stand for the fourth wicket of 51. Randall and Bond made merry for a time against Intikhab and Pocock, but at 122 for five Edrich had had enough, brought back Arnold, and at once Randall fell leg-before. Bond and the rest struggled on valiantly and Nottinghamshire avoided defeat by an innings and more, leaving Pocock and Edwards with five runs to make moments before 6.30.

Surrey had begun the day at 136 for five, Storey not out 19 and Intikhab 21. Stead was first into harness and Latchman the next, and it was he who straight away met with success by persuading Intikhab to loft his drive straight into the hands of Bond at mid-off.

If Nottinghamshire now thought they could see the end of Surrey's tunnel, they were wrong. For Surrey's pair of fast bowlers, Jackman and Arnold, who had so tormented Nottinghamshire's batsmen on Wednesday, came together again to give an encore for the bowlers. An engaging performance it was too, nicely balanced with a dash of humour to temper the batsmen's professionalism and skill. We even had a moment of tension when six runs were required from the 100th over to give Surrey their second bonus point for batting. A conference in midpitch decided the batsmen's course of action, and they smartly hit off the runs needed, with a few more besides.

Birch was the unfortunate bowler, and when Arnold hit him for four (13 runs came from the over) 52 for the ninth wicket had become the most profitable partnership in the match. Arnold was out soon afterwards, driving Latchman to mid-off where Birch made the catch. Jackman was in no hurry, and the charm of his duologue with Sobers was confirmed with two sweetly executed square cuts to the boundary. He was now 47, and a square cover drive off Stead brought him to a first-rate half century. Stead's reply was to shatter Jackman's stumps, which left Surrey with 227 runs in the bank, a lead of 142, and six bonus points to Nottinghamshire's three. Stead, as enthusiastic and vigorous as always, bowled well, and the same could be said of Wilkinson, thrusting up the slope into the wind, and Latchman, who was responsible, too, for the smartest piece of fielding, when he pounced on Storey's turn to leg and threw down the batsman's wicket.

NOTTINGHAMSHIRE: First Innings 85 (50.1 overs; P. A. Pocock 5 for 30).

Second Innings	
M. J. Harris, l-b-w, b Arnold	3
R. A. White, l-b-w, Intikhab	51
M. J. Smedley, c Roope, b Arnold	10
G. S. Sobers, c Arnold, b Jackman	10
D. W. Randall, l-b-w, b Arnold	42
J. D. Birch, c Roope, b Pocock	1
*J. D. Bond, c Edrich, b Pocock	26
H. C. Latchman, c Long, b Arnold	0
B. Stead, c Edwards, b Arnold	6
P. A. Wilkinson, not out	6
†D. A. Pullan, b Pocock	1
Extras (b 5)	5
Total	146

FALL OF WICKETS: 1—4, 2—8, 3—34, 4—85, 5—88, 6—122, 7—136, 8—136, 9—146, 10—146.
BOWLING: Arnold, 17—6—35—5; Jackman, 11—1—21—1; Pocock, 17.5—9—36—3; Intikhab, 15—3—35—1; Younis, 3—0—10—0.

SURREY: First Innings

*J. H. Edrich, c Pullan, b Latchman	31
M. J. Edwards, c Pullan, b Wilkinson	1
G. P. Howarth, l-b-w, b Stead	41
Younis Ahmed, l-b-w, b Wilkinson	12
G. R. J. Roope, c Randall, b Wilkinson	12
S. J. Storey, run out	34
Intikhab Alam, c Bond, b Latchman	12
R. D. Jackman, b Stead	47
†A. Long, c Smedley, b Wilkinson	1
G. G. Arnold, c Birch, b Latchman	2
P. I. Pocock, not out	3
Extras (lb 5, w 2, nb 1)	8
Total (106.3 overs)	227

FALL OF WICKETS: 1—12, 2—14, 3—67, 4—68, 5—99, 6—136, 7—138, 8—157, 9—208, 10—227.
BOWLING: Stead, 23.3—3—86—2; Wilkinson, 24—10—46—4; White, 15—5—44—0; Latchman, 24—5—30—3; Sobers, 15—0—17—0; Birch, 2—0—7—0.

Second Innings

P. I. Pocock, not out	9
M. J. Edwards, not out	0
Total (no wkt)	9

BOWLING: Stead, 1—0—6—0.
Umpires: C. S. Elliott and K. E. Palmer.

Football

Mercer will give no prizes for running

The England football team to play Wales in Cardiff tomorrow will definitely be Joe Mercer's personal choice. The temporary team manager made that clear at last night's training period at Roehampton. "This will be Mercer's team", he said. "I have always dreamed of being England manager and in fact I was on the short list originally, but they preferred Alf Ramsey."

So it seems obvious that Mr Mercer will not be continuing Sir Alf's tactics. Certainly the training, lasting about one hour, was lighthearted, in contrast to the serious vein followed by Sir Alf. Mr Mercer said afterwards: "I'm really going to enjoy the next six weeks. There will be seven matches and ideally all 22 players in the party will get a game."

When Mr Mercer announces the team this afternoon he will concentrate on quality. He said: "That, I think, is the most important point. Quality will always bring results. But success may not come immediately."

Mr Mercer added: "My main task is to make certain there is no tension." One of the main differences between Mr Mercer and his predecessor is on the subject of effort. He said: "No player will get a pat on the head for running. I expect them to do that automatically. It is quality of play I am looking for."

Mr Mercer, who sacked Bowles when he was at Manchester City four years ago, said he had spoken to the Queen's Park Rangers player as soon as he joined the party in London. "I've also won money on Bowles", said Mr Mercer. "My son bet me 6—4 that Stan wouldn't turn up, but he's here."

He said he regretted he was now too old to take over as permanent manager of the party: "Sir Alf picked a good one and I expect it to do well." Peters, the longest serving player in the party, said: "It was all so strange that Sir Alf was missing. All the players wish him well but we now have to concentrate on the forthcoming matches for we are all professionals in a professional game."

Burnley win third place before a crowd of 4,000

Leicester City 0 Burnley 1

The play-off for third place in the FA Cup between sides heavily depleted by international calls, was won by a goal from the Burnley teenager, Ray Hankin, just before half-time. The gate of 4,432 was the lowest for a top-class competitive game at Filbert Street.

A slick Burnley team staged well-designed moves and in the 42nd minute Hankin leapt to meet a cross from the left and head the deciding goal.

The second half provided exciting football. Sammels hitting the Burnley bar with a free kick and for Burnley, a glancing header by Nulty was kept out brilliantly by Wallington, who next stopped a raking drive from Hankin.

Glover created a great close range chance for Stringfellow but he spooned the ball high over the bar. Despite heavy pressure, Leicester could not produce the necessary final effort.

League gates are down by 300,000

League attendances are down by over 300,000 on last season. Latest figures from the Football League, involving matches up to the end of March, show that gates on average dropped almost 200 a match, down from 12,442 to 12,247.

The first division are the biggest losers, with attendances going down by over 2,000 a game, and the figures are also down in the third division—6,236 against 6,671. But in the second and fourth divisions, average gates went up by around 1,200 and 200 respectively.

The League management committee, meeting in London on Tuesday, will discuss the "white slaves" comments by the Leeds United and Scotland captain Billy Bremner. Writing in the brochure for his testimonial match on Monday—it brought receipts of around £40,000 — Bremner unfavourably compared pay levels of footballers to earnings of show business stars.

Webb leaves Chelsea at own request

The publicized disputes and internal upheavals at Chelsea were revived yesterday when David Webb, their 29-year-old defender, was placed on the transfer list at his own request. Webb, who joined Chelsea from Southampton in 1968 for £60,000 and has played 230 league games, asked for a transfer at the beginning of last month. The board have agreed to release him.

Queen's Park Rangers are believed to be ready to make an offer, and Webb's first club, Orient, may be interested in his services to reinforce their defence for next season. Webb's wish to leave Chelsea comes at the end of a turbulent season, with Osgood and Hudson leaving under a cloud and various rumours of discontent spreading through the playing staff.

The latest series of unrest involves a reported dispute over daily expenses for their summer trip to Australia.

Clough move denied by club chairman

Michael Bamber, chairman of Brighton, last night denied reports that Brian Clough, the club manager, would join Aston Villa. They are holidaying in Majorca.

Yesterday's results

INTERNATIONAL MATCH: Uruguay 2, Republic of Ireland 0.
FA CUP: Third place play-off: Leicester City 0, Burnley 1.
ISTHMIAN LEAGUE: First division: Hendon 5, Wealdstone 1; Leytonstone 2, Bromley 2; Woking 0, Leatherhead 1; Wycombe 0, Hounslow 0.
ATHENIAN LEAGUE: First division: Marlow 0, Ruislip 1; Ware 3, Romford 1; Worthing 1, Letchworth 1. League Cup: third round replay: Rainham 1, Erith and Belvedere 2 (after extra time).
SURREY SENIOR CUP: Final: Replay: Dulwich Hamlet 2, Wilton and Hersham 0.
RUGBY UNION: South Canterbury (New Zealand) 18, Japanese 25.

Today's football

SCOTTISH FIRST DIVISION: Dumbarton v Dundee (7.30): Dundee United v Morton (7.30).

Show jumping

A load off Sir Michael's mind

By Pamela Macgregor-Morris

Harvey Smith, whose horse, Volvo, won the supreme jumping championship at the last Royal Windsor Horse Show, returned to the winner's enclosure at Windsor yesterday—his technique, perhaps, improved by his recent experiences in the wrestling ring. Volvo's clear round in 51sec was 0.8sec better than Ted Edgar on Everest Jumbo.

Both riders are, of course, professional, and with regard to the participation of amateurs in open championships, Col Sir Michael Ansell, the chairman of the British Equestrian Federation, held a press conference this evening. It was prompted by last week's statement by Lord Killanin, the president of the International Olympic Committee, to the effect that sportsmen who take part in open championships against professionals might find their amateur status in jeopardy.

In the interim, the Duke of Edinburgh, the president of the International Equestrian Federation, and their secretary-general, Col Menton de Horne, have received telegrams from Lord Killanin stating that the decision, which would be taken at the Olympic Congress in Vienna next September, would on no account be retrospective. This was a relief to those who had feared for the men's and women's world championships, which take place in July at Hickstead and La Baule, respectively.

Sir Michael said: "This was one thing that worried us. The other was the implication that competitors could either be paid by their federation, or employed by a company, to go and train for 360 days a year and still compete as amateurs.

"Everyone is bending over backwards to try and open everything out. I have fought since 1948, first to get NCOs eligible to compete in the Olympic Games. I won that one. The present rules were drawn up by General Stoychev, of Bulgaria, Hans Gunter Winkler and myself. I believe that the equestrian world has done what is right in naming its professionals and holding world championships, open to both categories, in the year between the Olympic Games. We will question the eligibility of every rider we consider to be a professional, but everything in life is timing and it is a good thing to give an inch in order to take a mile. I personally would like to see the Olympic Games thrown open to all comers."

The new season's hunters were judged by Bertie Hill, who won a team gold medal in the Olympic three-day event in 1956, and by John Shedden, winner of the first-ever Badminton three-day event. Shedden was riding under considerable difficulties, for two days ago he had a fall which broke his thumb and necessitated five stitches in his head, while he was trying a four-year-old of Ivor Herbert with a view to purchase.

A large class of 20 novices did not contain any newcomers of outstanding merit, and it was encouraging to find that the heavyweight class was the best of the day. It was well won by that do[yen] of the show ring, Jack Gittins, [who] celebrated what he terms "coming of age" last Novem[ber] and is still breaking four-year-o[lds] although in receipt of his old [age] pension. He was riding an ex[-ar]tionally well made chestnut [five]-year-old, a superlative mover, [by] Douglas Bunn.

A winner at Dublin last [year] when he was named Slaney S[tar], he is the first show hunter [to be] owned by Mr Bunn, the owner [of] Hickstead, who said later: "I [have] always wanted to have a really g[ood] show horse and I haven't enjoy[ed] show so much in the past 20 yea[rs] even if I did only sleep for an h[our] last night wondering what the [next] come would be."

Now named Selsey Bill [the] champion at Newark last week, [a] son of Sunny Light marred [his] chances in the championship [by] over freshness, and lost the tit[le] last year's reserve, Miss Mar[y] Griffin's Aristocrat, shown by [Mrs] Trigg.

TUBBENZOLE STAKES: 1, R. S[tan]ley's Volvo; 2, The Everest Double Glazing [Co]mpany's Everest Jumbo (T. Edgar); [3,] Dennler's Fanny Hill.

HUNTERS: Novice: 1, V. To[m] Buckingham; 2, Mrs J. Ward's Mr [Ful]; 3, Lady Z. Pollock's Paper [Ch]ase. Ladies: 1, Mrs T. C. Grainger's [Ha]zelwalk; 2, Mrs T. C. Grainger's [Ash] (Miss S. Bolton); 3, L. S. Cronin's Amb[er] S. Miss C. Harries's Forester. Middle[weight]: 1, and Champion, Miss M. A. G[ill] Aristocrat (R. Trigg); 2, P. Rackham's [Mr] Chippin (Miss R. Middleton); 3, J. [Ha]Richard's Power Game. Heavyweight: [1,] Grainger's champion, D. Bunn's Selsey [Bill] (Grainger); 2, Miss O. Rhenfort's Rose [of] (Grainger); 3, Miss M. A. Griffin's Gypsy Mo[ney] (Trigg).

CHAMPION WORKING HUN[TER] Fields.

CHAMPION HACKNEY PONY: [Mrs] Davidson's Maiden Finality.

WALWYN NOVICE JUMPING C[HAM]PION: Miss C. Bradley's The Prior.

Rugby Union

Lions impress locals and Springboks impress Lions

Stilfontein, May 9.—The British Lions Rugby Union side gave an impressive display of scrummaging here today when their coach, Sydney Millar, put his men through the second practice of their Southern African tour.

It was far from a really rigorous work-out, as the team manager, Alun Thomas, does not want to push the players too hard until they adjust fully to the climate. It began with the customary warm-up, during which Millar put the players through a series of sprinting, jogging and other exercises.

He then separated the backs and the forwards, and it was the forwards, led by the captain, Willie-John McBride, who particularly impressed local observers with their powerful scrum work. They worked hard at the set phases and gave attention to winning the ball from the loose.

The back line concentrated on getting the ball out to the wings as quickly as possible.

The hooker, Bobby Windsor, who had a bout of gastro-enteritis when the team arrived in South Africa on Tuesday, has come out of hospital and rejoined the touring party although he did not take part in today's practice. Nor did the full back, Andy Irvine, the winger, Clive Rees, and the centre, Dick Milliken, who appear to be suffering from minor bouts of the same ailment.

The Lions play the first match of their tour against Western Transvaal in Potchefstroom next Wednesday. Yesterday, several members of the touring party visited Johannesburg to watch the junior Springbok A side beat Transvaal 42—6.

Millar and McBride were impressed by the fitness of the Springboks, but they were reluctant to make any judgments on the side. "It's very difficult to judge on trials form", said McBride. He pointed out that Transvaal were obviously weakened by the presence of some of their players in the junior Springbok side.—Reuter.

Welsh RU test reaction to league

The possibility of setting system of leagues is being exp[lored] by the Welsh Rugby Union. suggestion is that two div[isions] comprising the top 16 gate [receiving] clubs, who play at first class Smaller clubs would compe[te] district level with a play-o[ff] district winners to decide prom[otion] into second division. It is str[essed] by the Welsh Rugby Union these are only suggestions and been made to test the reactio[n] the clubs.

It seems certain that the will be enthusiastic about the Scotland, hardly the most pr[o]sive of the home Rugby U[nion] introduced an official championship on a league bas[is] season.

The major gate-taking clu[b] England favour the idea als[o] the RFU is, at the moment, [set] against the idea. Because o[f] move towards a league system instituted their National Knoc[k-out] competition three years ago.

Lancashire pair helped by cold morning

By Alan Gibson

TAUNTON: Lancashire, with all first innings wickets in hand, are 85 runs behind Somerset.

I should not have spoken kindly of the weather yesterday. This bleak May reasserted itself. A cold morning was compounded by rain, which prevented any play after lunchtime.

Nevertheless, it was a good morning for Lancashire. Beginning at 41, which had been scored at less than two to the over, David Lloyd and Wood took the score to 200, in a total of 65 overs. Lancashire thus, so far, have taken six points on the first innings to Somerset's three.

The Somerset crowd, if that is not too expansive a term, were severely critical of their side's bowling. But it was the weather which gave an edge to their complaints, just as it was the weather which took the edge from the bowlers fingers. Even Cartwright sometimes erred in length, though when he came on at the river end he might have had Lloyd caught at short leg. Close, for once, could not quite hold it. Lloyd was then in his 40s.

Lloyd and Wood took the gifts that came their way, not taking many risks, rarely lifting a ball, but steadily accelerating. They were Lancashire's two highest scorers last season, and it will mean a lot to the side—which at present seems to be having moments of self-doubt—if they are regularly in the runs again. Lloyd's century was full of good strokes.

The slow pitch had already suggested the match would be drawn. The rain might give it some life; if the rain stops. Two pairs of mallards settled on the square in the afternoon, and looked quite at home.

SOMERSET: First Innings 285 (96.5 overs) (D. J. S. Taylor 61, P. W. Denning 54; D. P. Hughes, 4 for 43).

LANCASHIRE: First Innings

B. Wood, not out	81
†D. Lloyd, not out	117
Extras (l-b 1, w 1)	2
Total (no wkt, 69 overs)	200

H. Pilling, C. H. Lloyd, F. C. Hayes, J. Abrahams, D. P. Hughes, J. Simmons, P. Lever, K. Goodwin, P. Lee to bat.
Bonus points (to date): Somerset 3, Lancashire 6.
Umpires: J. G. Langridge and P. B. Wight.

Worcestershire v Kent

AT WORCESTER

KENT: First Innings, 302 for 8 (100 overs) (B. W. Luckhurst 100, G. W. Johnson 58).

Second Innings	
B. W. Luckhurst, b Holder	0
G. W. Johnson, c Yardley, b Brain	8
*M. H. Denness, rtd hurt	0
Asif Iqbal, b Brain	0
R. A. Woolmer, not out	0
M. C. Cowdrey, not out	2
Total (3 wkts)	12

A. G. E. Ealham, †A. P. E. Knott, B. D. Julien, J. N. Shepherd, D. L. Underwood to bat.
FALL OF WICKETS: 1—0, 2—5, 3—10.

WORCESTERSHIRE: First Innings

R. G. A. Headley, c Ealham, b Julien	5
G. M. Turner, rtd hurt	139
J. A. Ormrod, c Knott, b Shepherd	34
J. M. Parker, c Knott, b Woolmer	25
E. L. D'Oliveira, c Cowdrey, b Woolmer	42
T. J. Yardley, b Woolmer	0
†D. R. Cave, c Ealham, b Julien	39
*N. Gifford, not out	6
V. A. Holder, not out	0
Extras (b 4, l-b 9, n-b 4)	17
Total (6 wkts, 100 overs)	276

J. D. Inchmore, B. M. Brain did not bat.
FALL OF WICKETS: 1—8, 2—19, 3—84, 4—172, 5—172, 6—276.
BOWLING: Julien, 26—5—71—2; Shepherd, 25—7—51—1; Underwood, 23—8—60—0; Woolmer, 22—3—53—3; Johnson, 4—1—24—0.
Bonus points: Worcestershire 6, Kent 6.
Umpires: C. Cook and H. Horton.

Minor Counties

CASTLEFORD: Northumberland 175 and 160 (J. M. Crawhall 72); Yorkshire II 225 for 8 dec and 61 for 2. Yorkshire II won by 8 wickets.

Wadekar has best score of Indian tour

LEICESTER: Leicestershire, with all second innings wickets in hand, are 46 runs ahead of the Indians.

The Indians totalled 300 in reply to Leicestershire's 335 and the county ended the day with 11 for no wicket in their second innings. The touring side reached two new peaks as well as touching the batting depths. After making 271 for five they lost their last five wickets for 29.

Their captain, Wadekar, reached the best total for the tour, of 138, beating Patel's 107 at Eastbourne. Wadekar's partnership of 177 with Solkar easily passed the previous highest of 154 by Solkar and Patel. The Leicestershire bowlers were severely tested by the third wicket pair who stayed together for 189 minutes and hit 10 boundaries, with Solkar using the square drive to great advantage.

Steele, with left arm spin, broke the big stand at 186, but Wadekar batted on with poise and patience to reach his 138 in 305 minutes including a straight six off Balderstone and 16 fours. His century took 220 minutes and contained many handsome strokes through the covers.

LEICESTERSHIRE: First Innings, 335 for 6 dec (B. Dudleston 70, J. G. Tolchard 64 not out, J. Birkenshaw 20 not out; B. S. Chandrasekhar 4 for 101).

Second Innings	
B. Dudleston, not out	9
J. F. Steele, not out	1
Extras (n-b 1)	1
Total (no wkt)	11

J. C. Balderstone, B. F. Davison, †R. Illingworth, †R. W. Tolchard, J. G. Tolchard, J. Birkenshaw, N. M. McVicker, F. Booth, G. D. McKenzie to bat.

INDIANS: First Innings

S. M. Gavaskar, l-b-w, b McKenzie	4
E. D. Solkar, c and b Steele	75
A. L. Wadekar, b McKenzie	138
G. R. Viswanath, l-b-w, b Steele	9
A. V. Mankad, b Booth	36
P. R. Patel, c Balderstone, b McKenzie	0
Mohinder Lal, c R. Tolchard, b McVicker	9
†S. M. H. Kirmani, b Booth	0
B. S. Bedi, c Davison, b McVicker	8
B. S. Chandrasekhar, not out	0
Extras (b 11, l-b 5, w 1, n-b 4)	21
Total	309

FALL OF WICKETS: 1—8, 2—9, 3—186, 4—208, 5—271, 6—273, 7—291, 8—293, 9—298, 10—309.
BOWLING: McKenzie, 20—3—53—4; Booth, 34—1—44—2; McVicker, 43.3—3—91—3; Balderstone, 14—4—46—0; Birkenshaw, 21—4—61—0; Steele, 26—5—36—2; Illingworth, 9—5—7—0.
Umpires: W. E. Phillipson and G. H. Pope.

Warwick v Middlesex

AT BIRMINGHAM

MIDDLESEX: First Innings 362 (94.2 overs) (J. M. Brearley 78; A. C. Smith 4 for 69).

Second Innings	
M. J. Smith, c Murray, b Brown	1
N. G. Featherstone, b Brown	10
*J. M. Brearley, b Brown	3
C. T. Radley, not out	33
N. P. D. Ross, l-b-w, b Brown	0
†J. T. Murray, not out	1
Total (4 wkts)	49

P. H. Edmonds, K. V. Jones, F. J. Titmus, M. Vernon, M. W. W. Selvey to bat.
FALL OF WICKETS: 1—5, 2—14, 3—19, 4—47.

WARWICKSHIRE: First Innings

D. L. Amiss, c Ross, b Vernon	195
J. A. Jameson, c Murray, b Selvey	0
A. I. Kallicharran, b Jones	127
R. B. Kanhai, rtd hurt	10
M. J. K. Smith, not out	57
†D. J. Murray, not out	10
Extras (b 3, l-b 9, n-b 2)	14
Total (3 wkts, 105 overs)	393

*A. C. Smith, D. J. Brown, J. J. Rouse, R. G. D. Willis, P. J. Lewington did not bat.
FALL OF WICKETS: 1—5, 2—271, 3—371.
BOWLING: Selvey, 22—4—79—1; Vernon 11—0—55—1; Jones, 17—3—71—1; Titmus, 21—6—62—0; Edmonds, 23—5—80—0; Featherstone, 1—0—4—0.
Bonus points: Warwickshire 6, Middlesex 3.
Umpires: C. G. Pepper and J. F. Crapp.

Second XI competition

CARDIFF: Warwickshire II 67 (D. L. Williams 7 for 40) and 144 (Williams 4 for 47); Glamorgan II 193 and 19 for 1. Glamorgan II won by nine wickets.

HOVE: Sussex II 290 and 221 for 4 dec (G. R. T. Barclay 54, P. J. Graves 76 not out); Hampshire II 160 and 8 for no wicket. Match drawn.

MANCHESTER: Lancashire II 256 for 6 dec (J. Sullivan 82 not out, B. L. Engelgrave 67; A. Kennedy 50) and 269 for 9 dec (Sullivan 140 not out, Engelgrave 52); Nottinghamshire II 235 for 7 dec (J. Cook 59 not out, G. Tolan 5 for 55) and 249 for 9 (N. Hallam 100, W. H. Hare 97; S. Tippen 5 for 75). Match drawn.

Amiss and Kallicharran hit Middlesex bowling freely

Dennis Amiss, in absolute control and peak form, hit his highest score in this country of 195 at Birmingham yesterday and Brown claimed four wickets, to give Middlesex, still needing 82 to avoid an innings defeat, a day they will want to forget. Amiss in his five-hour innings drove with precision and blistering power to hit 30 boundaries. Not even a typically ebullient 127 in 235 minutes by Kallicharran could wrest the spotlight from Amiss.

Together overnight, this pair eventually amassed 263 with the innings accelerating after luncheon when the foundations had been firmly laid. In 100 minutes Warwickshire scored 199 runs. They went from 200 to 393 in 31 overs.

The Middlesex bowlers did not know where to bowl and their batsmen were just as cruelly treated. Brown removed the first three for three runs in three overs and then added Ross to his victims. Rain prematurely ended a day of magnificent home batsmenship and fast bowling.

Turner, Worcestershire's New Zealand opener, and Denness were both injury victims of hostile West Indian pace bowlers at Worcester. Kent were 12 for three, holding a lead of 38, when rain ended the day 75 minutes early. Julien laid out Turner after he had made 138, including a six and 14 fours, in a stay of five hours and a quarter to lift Worcestershire towards a final total of 276 for six.

Holder who flattened Luckhurst's off stump with the second ball of the Kent second innings, later had Denness dropped and then forced him to retire with a bruised finger. Turner went to hospital for stitches in a cut over the left eye. The Denness injury was less serious and he had brief treatment at the ground.

Oxford U v Derbyshire

AT OXFORD

Derbyshire beat Oxford University by an innings and 139 runs.

DERBYSHIRE: First Innings, 324 for 8 dec (A. Hill 110, R. W. Taylor 54; I. Khan 5 for 96).

OXFORD UNIVERSITY: First Innings

A. Mitra, c Taylor, b A. Ward	0
N. K. Hewick, b Hendrick	0
P. E. Thackeray, retd hurt	1
R. Silver, c Taylor, b Hendrick	1
M. J. D. Stallibrass, c Swarbrook, b A. Ward	0
*I. Khan, l-b-w, b Hendrick	0
G. W. Weller, b Ward	1
D. W. Jarrett, c Miller, b Russell	1
N. D. Botton, c Hill, b Russell	0
†P. B. Fisher, c Field, b Miller	0
R. D. Jackman, not out	12
Extras (lb 9)	9
Total	25

FALL OF WICKETS: 1—0, 2—0, 3—0, 4—13, 5—18, 6—20, 7—22, 8—23, 9—25, 10—58.
BOWLING: Hendrick, 15—7—16—3; A. Ward, 14—6—11—2; Russell, 11—6—12—2; Swarbrook, 6—1—1—0; Miller, 2—0—2—1.

Second Innings

A. Mitra, c Hendrick, b Swarbrook	23
N. K. Hewick, b A. Ward	4
I. Khan, c I. Ward, b Russell	1
D. W. Jarrett, c Hendrick, b Russell	0
G. W. Weller, c Swarbrook, b Russell	0
N. D. Botton, c Taylor, b Russell	29
P. E. Fisher, c Russell, b A. Ward	0
M. J. D. Stallibrass, c Borrington, b Hendrick	0
R. D. Jackman, not out	0
R. Silver, low, b Hendrick	0
P. E. Thackeray, abs hurt	0
Extras (n-b 1)	1
Total	150

FALL OF WICKETS: 1—16, 2—43, 3—43, 4—43, 5—61, 6—91, 7—103, 8—103, 9—130, 10—150.
BOWLING: Hendrick, 11.5—5—16—4; A. Ward, 15—2—2—2; Russell, 19—10—51—4; Swarbrook, 11—5—30—1; Miller, 7—3—11—0.
Umpires: W. L. Budd and A. E. Fagg.

Cambridge University v Gloucestershire

AT CAMBRIDGE

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY: First innings, 245 for 9 dec (C. J. Acworth 56; Procter, 12—1—33—1; Dixon, 18—1—80—0; Knight, 15—5—38—4; Brown, 15—7—34—1; Sadiq, 22—11—59—3; Graveney, 33—14—57—1).

Second Innings

*W. Snowden, not out	2
†S. Constable, c Sartelon, b Procter	0
C. J. Acworth, not out	0
Total (1 wkt)	2

T. J. Murrells, R. L. Smyth, †R. K. Baker, P. Haves, D. Russell, R. J. W. Jackson, M. Field, S. Fleming to bat.
FALL OF WICKET: 1—2.

GLOUCESTERSHIRE: First Innings

Sadiq Mohammad, c Baker, b Jackson	34
C. A. Milton, l-b-w, b Field	23
R. D. V. Knight, run out	46
M. J. Procter, c Russell, b Field	19
Zaheer Abbas, c Baker, b Jackson	112
D. S. Shepherd, c Baker, b Russell	21
J. C. Foat, c Baker, b Haynes	8
*A. S. Brown, c Field, b Russell	41
D. A. Graveney, c Baker, b Field	40
†R. Sartelon, not out	12
Extras (lb 6)	8
Total (9 wkts dec)	375

J. H. Dixon did not bat.
FALL OF WICKETS: 1—53, 2—63, 3—86, 4—132, 5—164, 6—201, 7—305, 8—329, 9—375.
BOWLING: Jackson, 21—3—67—2; Field, 24—5—73—3; Russell, 22—6—105—2; Fleming, 9—1—36—0; Hayes, 7—2—23—1.
Umpires: A. G. T. Whitehead and A. E. G. Rhodes.

Under-25 competition

CHELMSFORD: Essex, 194 for 8 (G. Pont 70); Somerset, 108 for 3 (E. Hemsley, 51 not out, R. Lumsdaine 69*). Worcestershire won by 7 wickets.

Schools results

Ardingly, 185-3 dec: *Worth, 95-5, *Donat, 16-3 dec; Magdalen College School, 112-5 dec: Magdalen College School, 107 not out, *King's, Canterbury, 10-0; *East Dover, 1-0 dec (P. Slade-Betts 107

PORT

Racing

Three-year-old fillies steal the limelight again today

Michael Phillips
Racing Correspondent

This is the turn of the three-year-old fillies to steal the limelight when today. Obviously the Ladbroke Oaks Trial Stakes commands interest at Lingfield Park, but they will be every bit as interested watching the race for the Coolmore Stone Plate, run half an hour earlier, for it is for this less valuable prize that an unraced filly named Cley is an intended starter. Cley is a half-sister to Arthur Magnet's two Derby winners, Roseneey and Morston, and she is trained at Exbury, the dapper little French horse who won our Coronation Cup and the Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe in 1963. It was on this day and in this race that Magnet introduced Morston to the racing world a year ago. Morston won, and went on to win the Derby.

It would be a remarkable coincidence if his younger half-sister were to make an equally auspicious beginning and then win her classic, the Oaks. Clearly her preparation has preceded her. Without so much as even setting foot on a racecourse, she is a 12-1 chance for the Oaks in one antepost list, and quoted at 16-1 in others. In order to justify her position, Cley must not only win, but win well this afternoon.

Her opposition comprises six fillies. Paddy Jack and Majesty finished in front of Jer at Sandown last when they were all put in their place by Assembly Point. Majesty cost his owner, Lady Beaverbrook, 45,000 guineas when she bought him at the Newmarket Yearling Sales. He is the second foal out of the Italian 1,000 Guineas and Oaks winner Dolina, by our 2,000 Guineas and Derby winner, Sir Ivor. Dubrovnik caught my eye on the only occasion that he ran as a two-year-old.

There is ground for thinking that the finish of the Oaks trial will be between Evening Venture, Melantha and Aunt Eva. Evening Venture has not run this spring, but our Newmarket Correspondent speaks well of her homework. Although outclassed at Ascot in September by Escorial, Evening Venture finished five lengths in front of Riboreen, who finished four lengths behind Melantha at Sandown Park last month.

Aunt Eva's recent victory at Bath puts her in contention even though some might be inclined to belittle the racing there. Her performance in winning the Somerset Stakes was thoroughly commendable. Thalassa and Grecian Craft finished second and fourth respectively in the Princess Elizabeth Stakes at Epsom, but Elegant Tern, who beat them, finished only sixth in the Cheshire Oaks on Wednesday. That She Blows, the challenger from Ireland, won her race at Leopardstown last month that was confined to maidens. The field for the Weir Courtenay Plate includes three two-year-olds that have won already, and three more who have been knocking on the door. Prebihas, my selection, ran on resolutely when harassed by The Gubbe to win the Granby Stakes on the third and last day of the Newmarket Craven meeting.

Questa Notte, the filly who thwarted Lady Rowe on the same afternoon, is preferred to Blessings, Edwards Hill and Nearly New for the Old Mill Handicap.

Amazing Maid, a filly bred in the United States, but trained now in Lambourn by Paul Cole, lived up to her name at Salisbury yesterday when she won the Redenham Stakes by four lengths in a time that was only fractionally slower than the time that Top took to win the competitive Whitsbury Stud Stakes there on the previous afternoon. Commenting on his filly after he had seen her unsaddled, Cole said that she is so far in front of his other two-year-olds that she either had to be very good or the rest were of no account. Amazing Maid is clearly very quick, indeed. She had her race sewn up long before they even reached the halfway stage, and understandably Cole now has his sights set firmly on the Queen Mary Stakes at Royal Ascot.

Amazing Maid was bought for his owner, Roy Strudwick, in the United States, together with her dam, Maid of Iron, for $40,000 (about £16,000) by the Bloodstock agent, Bill Macdonald. With hindsight, it was a good piece of business.

STATE OF GOING (official): Lingfield Park: Good to firm. Leicester: Good. Ayr: Good to firm. Taunton: Hard. Bath (tomorrow): Firm. Ripon (tomorrow): Firm. Market Rasen (tomorrow): Good to firm.

Confident Piggott gets Averof home

By Michael Seely

With the running of the Dee Stakes at Chester yesterday, on the third day of the meeting, yet another classic trial had taken place without providing any clear pointer to the Derby.

Long before the field reached the straight, it was clear that Lester Piggott, on Averof, was sitting at his most confident. Brought with a sharp, authoritative run in the last furlong, Averof quickened to pass Mistigri close home to win by a neck with Estaminet one length and a half away third.

As in the Cheshire Oaks the day before, no one had wanted to make it a strong gallop and the race developed into a sprint in the last quarter of a mile. The heavily backed favourite, Charlie Bubbles, recently supported for the Derby, was off the bridle three furlongs from home and finished well beaten. His trainer, Peter Walwyn, said that he was not too disappointed and that he had decided to ignore the running of Charlie Bubbles as the slow early pace had not suited his horse and as far as he was concerned he would like Charlie Bubbles to run in the Epsom race.

Averof has been taken out of the classic and, in any case, being by the sprinter, Sing Sing, would have little chance of staying the Brittain, considers that yesterday's Derby distance. His trainer, Clive distance, a mile and a quarter, will be within his powers even in a truly run race and that if he runs well in the Diomed Stakes at Epsom on Derby Day he would like to have a tilt at the Eclipse Stakes at Sandown Park.

The Irish trainer, "Paddy" Prendergast, was pleased with the running of Mistigri as the horse had been sick recently and he had therefore not been able to give him the necessary work. Mistigri is a strong, good looking colt by Misti IV out of the Never Say Die mare Nyanga and will take his chance in the Derby.

The authorities were kept busy throughout the afternoon as there were two objections and three stewards inquiries. In the first race Piggott, who rode the second horse, Swift Fire, objected to the winner, Chigusa, on the grounds of "crossing at the distance", but this was quickly overruled. Chigusa, a strong bay filly by Skymaster, is Japanese owned and trained by John Winter at Newmarket. This was the third odds-on two-year-old favourite to win at the meeting.

The third and most surprising incident took place after the Ladbroke Dragonara Malta Handicap. The winner, King's Bonus, had sprinted well clear of his field in the straight and won by no less than 15 lengths. Johnson, the rider of the second horse, Baggin Time, lodged an objection for bumping and boring. But for the final time the stewards left the original result unaltered.

Golf



Peter Tupling drives off on the 18th tee watched by B. J. Banford. Tupling's round of 66 made him a joint leader with Coles and Hayes.

Coles, Tupling and Hayes in the lead at halfway stage

By Peter Ryde
Golf Correspondent

The lead changed hands in the second round of the Penfold golf tournament at Worting yesterday. The three leaders at the halfway stage are all different from the four first round leaders; they are Neil Coles (67), Peter Tupling (66) and Dale Hayes (65).

It is a comment on the lack of challenge in the course that none of the leaders find it possible to draw away. Barnes and Hayes scored 65, the lowest so far, but no one would be surprised if that score were beaten this week. The record of 64 might even go, for there was Horton, who knows the course well, having five birdies in a row from the third in an outward half of 30.

Coles had a 7ft putt for a birdie to take the lead at the 18th, but it failed to drop. His 67 was not without blemish. He had to work hard for a four at the short fifth after being plugged in a bunker, and he reckoned to have under-clubbed at the 13th, where he dropped another shot, and at the 15th, but he recovered these strokes with birdie putts. It was his finish that stood between him and the outright lead. His two-iron to the 16th after a long drive—this must have been the toughest hole on the course—kicked forward and ran on unchecked across the hard apron of the green and down a bank.

He got that stroke back at the 17th, where his four-iron was well judged and he holed from 20ft. His drive at the 18th was little short of a quick hook—due, he thought, to standing too far from the ball at the address—and he refrained from going for the green across the corner of the wood as a Nicklaus or a Weiskopf, or any other maker of majestic strokes, might have done.

I think it is necessary to know Coles's golf well to savour it fully. His wedge for example is not one of a glittering matched set, but one that took his fancy in a barrel outside a professional's shop in Jacksonville. That was in 1965; this year he thought the shaft was getting a little weak, so he changed it himself for a stiffer one, then sent it away to get it cleaned up.

Oosthuizen, an overnight leader, hit too many loose shots to remain in the lead. His drive to the 16th finished on the 15th fairway, and your correspondent had to jump high to allow the ball to pass safely between his legs.

Hayes, of South Africa, kept mainly to par, but two eagles and two birdies made all the difference. A driver put him on the back of the eighth green and he holed the putt for his first eagle. His second came at the last hole, where he struck a four-iron to 6ft and holed the putt. Hayes is having his tonsils removed next week. The old axiom of golf that the worse you feel the better you play was illustrated once again.

Barnes matched Hayes's 65 and is now up with the pack. One would expect to be hearing from him this week for he lives ten minutes away. He had birdies at two of the first three holes, which is not the customary way of building a score here, and was out in 32. You would not think to hear him talking of his second nine that he had broken 80, for he hit a number of loose shots, but his wedge and putter kept him going.

Once again I missed Tupling and can only say that a young player who can lead the Open for one round, as he did three years ago, is capable of leading this one for two. His was not a great start, but holing out from a greenside bunker for an eagle two at the seventh must have made a world of difference to him.

Oosterhuis and Jacklin are still there and no doubt we shall be hearing from one or both of them again, but their performances show that in the chill conditions and with the uncertainty on the greens, conditions were not all that easy. Butler, another overnight leader, for example, took three putts from 3ft at the fifth, and the best way to play that hole was demonstrated by Peter Wilcock, who hit the ball with a seven iron straight into the hole to win himself a car.

134: L. P. Tupling (Phoenix Park) 68, 66; N. C. Coles (Holiday Inn) 67, 67; D. Hayes (SA) 69, 65.
135: B. W. Barnes (Copthorne Hotel) 70, 65.
136: A. Jacklin (Potters Bar) 66, 70; P. Oosterhuis (Pacific Harbour) 66, 70.
137: D. C. Wren (SA) 71, 66.
138: E. Polland (Balmoral) 71, 67; H. Bannerman (Unit) 68, 70; T. Horton (Ham Manor) 70, 68.
139: P. H. Wilcock (Trevose) 72, 69; J. H. Cook (Brickendon Grange) 70, 69; C. O'Connor jr (Carlow) 67, 72.
140: M. Faulkner (Shillingles Park) 72, 68; J. R. Garner (Hartsbourne) 68, 72; B. Thompson (Belton Park) 70, 70; S. Mason (Goring and Streatley) 69, 71; S. Gunn (Australia) 70, 70; T. Westbrook (Selsdon Park) 72, 68; P. Townsend (Pontgarnock) 71, 69; J. O'Leary (Ugani) 69, 71.
141: P. J. Butler (Golf Domes) 66, 75; D. Butler (Heathercliffe) 69, 72; P. E. Berry (Cotswold Hills) 72, 69; A. Oosthuizen (SA) 66, 75; E. Darcy (Erewash Valley) 70, 71; I. Stanley (Australia) 71, 70; B. G. Huggett (Cambridge Hoseh) 73, 68; C. O'Connor (R Dublin) 75, 68.
142: J. Fourie (SA) 72, 70; J. T. Wood (Stand) 70, 72; J. J. Kinsella (Castle) 71, 71; D. W. McClelland (Harsbourne) 74, 69; J. Hammond (Beckenham) 76, 66; H. Jackson (Hulma Hall) 72, 70; J. Dorrerstein (Netherlands) 71, 71.
143: A. P. Thomson (Inverness) 70, 75; C. de Fox (Bryn Meadows) 73, 70; S. Owen (NZ) 71, 72; R. Wynn (Leatherhead) 73, 70; T. R. Pinner (Birbury) 71, 72; C. Greene (Millbown) 73, 70; K. W. Ashdown (Crowborough) 72, 71.

Card of course

Hole	Yards	Par	Hole	Yards	Par
1	328	4	10	353	4
2	453	4	11	175	3
3	377	4	12	323	4
4	314	4	13	425	4
5	133	3	14	350	4
6	353	4	15	451	4
7	295	4	16	457	4
8	263	4	17	216	3
9	448	4	18	491	5
Out	2964	35	In	3242	35

Chester results

2.15 (2.17) SCEPTRE STAKES (2-y-o fillies: £570: 5f)
CRIGUSA, b f, by Skymaster—Bilton (Mr T. Wada), 8 st 11 lb ..... G. Taylor (8-11) 1
SWIFT FIRE, br f, by Firestreak—Swiftest (Mr J. Rowlett), 8 st 11 lb ..... P. Eddery (7-2) 2
MOUNT GRACE, ch f, by Mountain Call—St Rosalie (Mr L. Holliday), 8 st 11 lb ..... M. Gorcham (16-1) 3
ALSO RAN: 6-1 Bonnett, 14-1 Whisper, 20-1 Pinay, 25-1 Rose of Tipperary, 14th; 33-1 Aunty Buster, Blooming, Deva Rose. 10 ran.
TOTE: Win, 21p; places, 11p, 15p, 32p; dual forecast, 33p. J. Winter, at Newmarket. 1½l. ¾l. Limit 3.62sec.

2.45 (2.46) ORMONDE STAKES (£3,462: 1m 5f 88yds)
CRAZY RHYTHM, ch h, by Larkspur—Whist Free (Mr R. Dodson), 6yr, 8 st 9 lb ..... G. Lewis (3-1) 1
SHELLSHOCK, ch f, by Salvo—Friday Maid (Mr R. Sangster), 3yr, 8 st 1 lb ..... P. Eddery (7-2) 2
FREEFOOT, b c, by Relko—Close Up (Mr R. Moller), 4yr, 8 st 2 lb ..... Piggott (11-8 fav) 3
ALSO RAN: 13-2 Nausan (4th), 50-1 City Gate. 5 ran.
TOTE: Win, 42p; forecast, £1.02. S. Ingham, at Epsom. Nk, 3l. 2min 58.96sec.

3.15 (3.18) DRAGONARA MALTA HANDICAP (3-y-o: £1,630: 7f)
KINGS BONUS, b c, by Kibenka—Hooked Heiress (Mr P. Davies), 7 st 8lb ..... E. Lewis (13-2) 1
BAGGIN TIME, b f, by Pitsam—Romanova (Mr G. Baillie), 7 st 8lb ..... E. Johnson (9-2) 2
MANOEUVRE, ch f, by Mountain Call—Export (Sir W. Dugdale), 8 st 6 lb ..... L. Piggott (8-1) 3
ALSO RAN: 7-2 fav Spanish Prince, 7-1 Fast Diplomat, 10-1 Bally Fleece (4th), Nizwyth, Meadowcroft, 14-1 Shuffling, 16-1 Persey, 33-1 Curzon Park. 11 ran.
TOTE: Win, 66p; places, 18p, 16p, 26p. R. Hollinshead, at Upper Longdon. 15l, nk. 1min 27.22sec.

3.45 (3.48) DEE STAKES (3-y-o: £3,616: 1¼m 85yds)
AVEROF, br c, by Sing Sing—Argentina (Captain M. Lemos), 9 st 12lb ..... L. Piggott (13-2) 1
MISTIGRI, b c, by Misti IV—Nyanga (Mr E. M. O'Connell), 8 st 12 lb ..... C. Roche (9-1) 2
ESTAMINET, b c, by Sovereign Path—Parlez Vous (Sir R. Macdonald-Buchanan), 8 st 12 lb ..... G. Lewis (6-1) 3
ALSO RAN: 6-4 fav Charlie Bubbles, 9-2 Pop Song (4th), 6-1 Angels Two. 12-1 Duchess. 7 ran.
TOTE: Win, 63p; places, 37p, 86p; dual forecast, £4.93. C. Brittain, at Newmarket. Nk, 1½l. 2min 19.07sec.

4.15 (4.17) OULTON HANDICAP (£937: 6f)
WILL'S STAR, ch g, by Duncon Star—Wills Girl (Mr L. Barratt), 4yr, 7st 13 lb ..... G. Seaton (9-2) 1
RIGHT STAR, b h, by Duncon (Sar Easy Going (Mr H. Hannsley), 5yr, 8 st 11 lb ..... T. Ives (7-2) 2
ATREE, b h, by Crocket—Caspian Sea (Mr G. Myers), 3yr, 7 st 7 lb ..... R. Still (8-1) 3
ALSO RAN: 3-1 fav Venture (4th), 7-2 Moor Lane, 15-1 Action Station, 20-1 Mandy Jayne. 7 ran.
TOTE: Win, 57p; places, 26p, 29p; dual forecast, 92p. L. Barratt, at Oswestry. Nk, 4l. 1min 16.04sec.

4.45 (4.46) EATON HANDICAP (£949: 1½m 53yds)
MANWARI, b c, by Sea Bird II—Lea Lane (Mr A. McCalli), 4yr, 9 st 8 lb ..... L. Piggott (7-2) 1
BARBECUE, ch c, by Hirouac—Honey Bun (Mrs R. Hollinshead), 4yr, 7 st 4 lb ..... L. Lewis (7-2) 2
PIRATE BELL, ch h, by Barbary Pirate—Crimson Belle (Mr F. Allison), 5yr, 8 st 4 lb ..... W. Carson (11-4 fav) 3
ALSO RAN: 5-1 Tattenham Fair (4th), 9-1 Pamea, 12-1 Daruba. 6 ran.
TOTE: Win, 32p; places, 39p, 16p; forecast, £1.36. R. Houghton, at Didcot. ¾l, 2½l. 2min 42.46sec.

4.0 (4.0) ERANDRETH HANDICAP (3-y-o: £564: 6f)
SISTER SUPREME, gr f, by Runnymede—Seven Sisters (Mr T. Corrie), 8 st 7 lb ..... D. Ryan (14-1) 1
RYDEN LAD, br g, by Frenzy—Belgie—Diddles (Mr J. Clark), 8 st 11 lb ..... J. Balding (8-1) 2
PLEASURE DOME, br g, by Gala Performance—Persian Dancer (Mr W. Stobart), 8 st 7 lb ..... P. Kelleher (16-1) 3
ALSO RAN: 11-8 fav Dimidale Lad, 15-2 Eighth Avenue, 10-1 Be Adamant, 12-1 Coronet's Boy, 14-1 Galaxy Son (4th), 8 ran.
TOTE: Win, 48p; places, 21p, 31p, 45p; dual forecast, £2.39. T. Corrie, at Shrewsbury, 2l, nk. Winner bought in for 480 gns.

4.45 (4.47) OULTON HANDICAP (£937: 6f)
WILL'S STAR, ch g, by Duncon Star—Wills Girl (Mr L. Barratt), 4yr, 7st 13 lb ..... G. Seaton (9-2) 1
RIGHT STAR, b h, by Duncon (Sar Easy Going (Mr H. Hannsley), 5yr, 8 st 11 lb ..... T. Ives (7-2) 2
ATREE, b h, by Crocket—Caspian Sea (Mr G. Myers), 3yr, 7 st 7 lb ..... R. Still (8-1) 3
ALSO RAN: 3-1 fav Venture (4th), 7-2 Moor Lane, 15-1 Action Station, 20-1 Mandy Jayne. 7 ran.
TOTE: Win, 57p; places, 26p, 29p; dual forecast, 92p. L. Barratt, at Oswestry. Nk, 4l. 1min 16.04sec.

5.0 (5.0) GREAT GABLE PLATE (£307: 1½m)
FLOOR SHOW, b g, by Gallvanter—Midnight Moll (Mrs Scott), 3yrs, 8st 4lb ..... P. Kelleher (11-10, fav) 1
SUPER PRINCE, b c, by Super Sam—Victoria (Mr J. Jenkins), 3yrs, 7 st 11lb ..... T. Ives (7-2) 2
HENRYS LADY, ch f, by Henry the Seventh—Castle Rough (Mr P. Cameron), 3yrs, 7 st 8 lb ..... R. Lesson (5-1) 3
ALSO RAN: 3-1 Plotilla (4th), 7-1 Right Again, 12-1 Balsalmo, Faithful Kiss. 7 ran.
TOTE: Win, 17p; places, 11p, 13p; dual forecast, 29p. R. Jones, at Malton. 2l, 11l.
TOTE DOUBLE: Medina Boy, Aglonby Street, £12.15. TREBLE: Sister Supreme, Gold Pension, Flour Shore, £3.10.

Carlisle

2.30 (2.31) HIGH STILE PLATE (2-y-o: £207: 5f)
SAY US, b c, by I Say—Scorton Gold (Mr R. Earl), 9 st 0 lb ..... Carter (7-2) 1
DESERT ORACLE, ch c, by Tobrouk—Delphi (Ld Lambton), 8 st 11 lb ..... T. Carter (8-11) 2
GOLDEN VICTORY, ch f, by Roan Grancy—Disca-Theque (Mrs L. Paynel), 8 st 11 lb ..... T. Lappin (8-1) 3
ALSO RAN: 4-1 Saudgate, 7-1 Tom Thumb (4th), 10-1 Insensed, Sweet Afton, 12-1 World Dryer, Chevin, 14-1 Brig Esq, 33-1 Rose of Tobrouk, Clevlot Charlie, Poppet Time, Wild Easter. 14 ran.
TOTE: Win, 25p; places, 13p, 28p, 22p. D. Smith, at Bishop Auckland, 1¼l, 11½l. Pikella did not run.

3.0 (3.0) ERANDRETH HANDICAP (3-y-o: £564: 6f)
SISTER SUPREME, gr f, by Runnymede—Seven Sisters (Mr T. Corrie), 8 st 7 lb ..... D. Ryan (14-1) 1
RYDEN LAD, br g, by Frenzy—Belgie—Diddles (Mr J. Clark), 8 st 11 lb ..... J. Balding (8-1) 2
PLEASURE DOME, br g, by Gala Performance—Persian Dancer (Mr W. Stobart), 8 st 7 lb P. Kelleher (16-1) 3
ALSO RAN: 11-8 fav Dimidale Lad, 15-2 Eighth Avenue, 10-1 Be Adamant, 12-1 Coronet's Boy, 14-1 Galaxy Son (4th), 8 ran.
TOTE: Win, 48p; places, 21p, 31p, 45p; dual forecast, £2.39. T. Corrie, at Shrewsbury, 2l, nk. Winner bought in for 480 gns.

3.30 (3.31) SCAFELL HANDICAP (£463: 1m)
MEDINA BOY, ch h, by Celtic Ash—Ad-Adams (Mrs J. Boyd), 7yrs, 9 st 4lb ..... G. Lewis (3-1) 1
CLYDEBANK, b h, by Clyde Light—Dark Dress (Mrs V. Raich), 5yrs, 7 st 11 lb ..... C. Eccleston (3-1 fav) 2
PEACE OF MIND, b f, by Midsummer Night II—Command (Mr D. Gilbert), 4yrs, 7 st 9 lb ..... G. Gray (6-1) 3
ALSO RAN: 7-1 Marcus Game, Philiberte, 16-1 Wilmore (4th). 6 ran.
TOTE: Win, 74p; places, 15p, 15p; dual forecast, 44p. T. Craig, at Dunbar. 5l, sh hd. Carmoni Prince did not run.

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TOTE: Win, 74p; places, 15p, 15p; dual forecast, 44p. T. Craig, at Dunbar. 5l, sh hd. Carmoni Prince did not run.

4.0 (4.1) GRASMOOR HANDICAP (£465: 5f)
GOLD PENSION, br f, by Compensation—Gold Broom (Mr A. Anderson), 4yrs, 7 st 11 lb ..... S. McDougall (10-1) 1
BIG JAKE, b c, by Be Lucky—Be Lucky (Mr B. Kerrigan), 4yrs, 8 st 5 lb ..... J. Curant (12-1) 2
SLITHERDE, b g, by Court Feather—Green Halo (Mr W. Sutton), 7yrs, 8 st 13 lb ..... C. Roche (9-1) 3
ALSO RAN: 5-1 Hatachi Belle (4th), 6-1 Careful Choice, 8-1 Princehood, 14-1 Jack Black. 7 ran.
TOTE: Win, 31p; places, 14p, 48p; dual forecast, £1.07. N. Adcock, at Ayr. 1l, 2l. Fair Dandy did not run.

4.30 (4.32) BOW FELL PLATE (3-y-o: £207: 1m)
AGLONBY STREET, b c, by Majetta—Sular Song (Mr A. Duff), 9 st 0 lb ..... L. Lowe (3-1 fav) 1
BEHOLDEN, b c, by Current Coin—Acquaintitas (Lt-Cdr R. Wilson), 8 st 7 lb ..... N. Bentley (9-2) 2
NUTBROWN MAID, b f, by Secret Step—Maid of Middleham (Mr R. Peacock), 8 st 11 lb ..... A. Horrocks (10-1) 3
ALSO RAN: 4-1 Sheila Seamer, 6-1 Ring Dance, 10-1 Dalesgate, Bloomfield, 12-1 Star Trooper, 14-1 Brass Roses, Sir Christopher, The Lawyer, Princess Doon, 16-1 Afool Bella, 20-1 Persian Man, Fleemcker Dun Final Demand. 16 ran.
TOTE: Win, 45p; places, 24p, 19p, 74p. J. W. Watts, at Richmond, 1l, nk. Connemara, Fellowship Boy, Little Big Shot and Cock Hall Lass did not run.

4.30 (4.32) WINCANTON PLATE (Div I: 3-y-o: £345: 1¼m)
PERCEWOOD, b c, by Hardicanute—Solonbloud (Mr J. Muldoon), 9 st ..... A. Murray (15-2) 1
ARRIAGE, b c, by Charlottown—Arrival (Mrs D. Heinann), 9 st ..... A. Kimberley (3-1) 2
DRUM MAJOR, ch c, by Ballymoss—Soldier's Song (Mr J. Whitney), 8 st 11 lb ..... R. S. Elliott (5-2 fav) 3
ALSO RAN: 6-1 Grey Winter (4th), 9-1 Henry Horsman, 12-1 Ben Warner, 14-1 Becket, Bugsin Hill, 20-1 Huntingo, Barbarie Corsaire, March Crusader, Nelvern, Ruffiette 13 ran.
TOTE: Win, 83p; places, 27p, 19p, 13p. H. Price, at Findon. 1l, 2l. 2min 11.46sec

5.00 (5.3) WINCANTON PLATE (Div II: 3-y-o: £345: 1¼m)
IVER, b c, by Tacitus—Goldelis (Mr G. Greenwood), 8 st 8 lb ..... R. Weaver (5-2 fav) 1
FOND HOPE, ch f, by Sir Ivor—Kora Osak (Mr P. Herbert), 8 st 11 lb ..... F. Morby (7-1) 2
ROSETTI, b c, by Roan Rocket—Parthian Glance (Mrs D. Price-Smith), 9 st ..... A. Murray (10-1) 3
ALSO RAN: 5-1 Morgnetic, 7-1 Bold Amber, Little Ballalys, 15-2 Melody Time (4th) 12-1 Militello, Grand Orient, 16-1 Bunroy, 20-1 Buzz Box, On Location, Spring Festival. 13 ran.
TOTE: Win, 35p; places, 15p, 27p, 17p. A. Stevens, at Colerne. 2l, 2l. 3min 00.93sec.
TOTE DOUBLE: Big Morton, Banco Dirin: £214.05. TREBLE: Good Bronze, Amazing Maid, Percewood: £132.

Salisbury

2.00 (2.02) DORSET HANDICAP (3-y-o: £689: 1m)
VOTECATCHER, ch c, Majority Blue—Hyssop (Mrs D. Wigan), 8 st 8 lb ..... A. Murray (13-2) 1
SOUND JIFF, ch c, by Never Say Die—Sound Number (Mr G. Drake), 8 st 11 lb ..... P. Eddery (7-2 fav) 2
TONEROY, b c, by Reliance II—Agonocost (Mr A. Kennedy), 7 st 6 lb ..... G. Dettori (11-2) 3
ALSO RAN: 13-2 Mon Parrain, 7—1 Fast Living, 10-1 Dark Diver (4th), Teasing Wind, 14-1 Irish Paul, Jolly Lucky, Kingston Bridge, 16—1 Forever Free, 20-1 Rotopean, Regal Wish. 14 ran.
TOTE: Win 45p; Places 19p, 16p, 18p. H. Price, at Findon. 4l, hd. 1min 42.52sec.

2.30 (2.34) FULLERTON STAKES (2-y-o: £319: 5f)
COLD BRONZE, br f, by Friend Alice—Brodsworth Tan (Mr J. Albert), 8 st 7 lb ..... P. Eddery (8-1) 1
NAIVASHA, ch c, by Laser Light—Spirit (Mr T. Stoute), 8 st 7 lb ..... B. Raymond (9-2) 2
ATTYMON BEAUTY, ch f, by Aztec-Anzonette (Mr V. Kilkenny), 8 st 7 lb ..... A. Barclay (7-1) 3
ALSO RAN: 11-2 Major Money, 13-2 Meta, 15-2 Missed Lunch, 10-1 Monetary Star, 12-1 En Suite, 16-1 Ever Coyale, The Pilling Cheetah, Sovereignty, Warsaling, 20-1 Current Arrest (4th), Ring of Fire, Sheriff Long, Just Jill, Port Wine, Silent Star. 17 ran.
TOTE: Win, 74p; places, 33p, 18p, 99p. P. Robinson at Newmarket. 1½l, nk. 1m 02.65sec.

3.0 (3.04) J. A. PEDEN HANDICAP (£900: 7f)
BIG MORTON, ch c, by Frankincense—King's Mate (Mr C. Gaverson), 4yrs 8 st 0 lb ..... T. Carr (16-1) 1
SOMERSWAY, ch f, by Wild Somer—Belle of Victor (Mr T. Parrington), 4 yrs 8 st 6 lb ..... G. Baxter (5-2 fav) 2
SAFETY CATCH, b h, by King's Troop—Natural Caution (Mrs E. Gregson), 5 yrs 7 st 8 lb ..... M. L. Thomas (16-1) 3
ALSO RAN: 9-2 Western Kim, 10-1 Hush Money, Joe's Jet, Loch Nell, 11-1 Tickled Pink, 14-1 Sugar Moss, Salamander, 16-1 Russian Reward, 20-1 Great Echo (4th), Croome, Golden Tack, Yeoman, Gold Tipped, Miss Cunningham, Always Happy. 18 ran.
TOTE: Win, £4.29; places, £1.05, 17p. Sir R. Smith, at Epsom. Sh hd, 2l. 1min 27.64sec. Mostly Henry, Debenture did not run.

3.30 (3.38) REDENHAM STAKES (2-y-o: 1Blies: £523: 5f)
AMAZING MAID, b f, by Amazing—Maid of Iron (Mr R. Strudwick), 8 st 11 lb ..... R. Edmonson (11-10 fav) 1
OVER BEYOND, b f, by Bold Lad—Lady Wona (Mr T. Vigors), 8 st 11 lb ..... P. Cook (20-1) 2
PURE HONEY, gr f, by Aon—Bee-Hive (Mr J. Sutton), 8 st 11 lb ..... G. Ramsden (20-1) 3
ALSO RAN: 11-2 Friendly Queen, 7-1 Spit Lake, 9-1 Frehill, Poppy, Flo's Peace, Pretty Loyal, Seamyside, 20-1 Espoualita, Greenacre, Gypsy Bronze, Indian Ark. 11 ran. Lunch, Master Cats, Mr Christopher, Philadel, Phon, Remark, Sandy Girl, Skyrene, Somershray, Startop. 25 ran.
TOTE: Win: 30p; places, 18p, 64p, 87p. P. Cole, at Lambourn. 2½l, 1min 01.89sec. Amnesty did not run.

4.0 (4.04) CITY BOWL HANDICAP (£648: 1m 6f)
BANCO DIVIN, ch h, by Acropolis—Marr Falconer (Mr J. Knox), 6yrs, 9 st ..... J. Reid (5-1) 1
BOLETUS, b g, by Pampered King—Pantaella (Capt P. Pope), 5yrs, 8 st 7 lb ..... P. Cullen (7-1) 2
BEYIN BOY, ch g, by Royal Avenue—One More (Mr P. S. Whitelaw), 6yrs, 7 st 8 lb ..... T. Carter (10-1) 3
ALSO RAN: 7-2 fav Castile, 15-2 Seven the Quadrant, 5-1 Imperial Crown, Sequence (4th), 12-1 Chickerell, Sovereign Vision, 20-1 Gypsy Baron. 25-1 New Town, Druid. 13 ran.
TOTE: Win, 56p; places, 19p, 22p, 36p. Major C. Sewicke, at Didcot. Hd, 2½l. 3min 05.33sec

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Skjoedt returns home

The jump jockey, Jurgen Skjoedt, returns home to Scandinavia soon for the National Hunt season and will be back in England in the autumn.

OFFICIAL SCRATCHINGS: Derby Stakes, Epsom: Huzzar (1).30 am, May 7. Coronation Cup, Epsom: Comrade de Paix, King George VI and Queen Elizabeth Stakes, Hurzar, Lockinge Stakes, Newbury: Yukon River, Gandoleat (US), Nutley, Hope in Return, El Fasnoco, Honorary Member, St James Palace Stakes, Ascot: Persian Man (Aus), Hardwicke Stakes, Ascot: Coup de Feu, Diomed Stakes, Epsom: Coup de Feu, Desmond Stakes, Newmarket: Stubber Observer Gold Cup, Doncaster: Stubber Doncaster Cup, Doncaster: Bridge of Sighs All engagements (dead): Pintail.

Charlie Bubbels loses ground

Charlie Bubbels, a failure in the Dee Stakes, is now 66—1 with Corals for the Derby. They bet 4—1 Giacometti, 5—1 Nonoalco, 6—1 Cellini, 10—1 Mississipian, Northern Taste.

Anak Malaysia has been backed from 12—1 to 6—1 for the Yellow Pages Handicap, at Ayr, with Mecca, who bet: 5—1 Royal Prerogative, 5—1 Loudoun Bah, 6—1 Anak Malaysia, Double Sensation, 10—1 others.

Hockey

England need their best form to reach final

From Sydney Friskin
Madrid, May 9

England exceeded expectation by reaching the semi-final round of the European Cup hockey tournament, but a superb performance will be needed if they are to upset West Germany here tomorrow. Spain, who just scrambled through their quarter-final match against France, have a similar task against The Netherlands.

England are fielding the side that left the field 2—1 victors over Wales. In other words Whalley, who came on as a substitute for Neale, will be one of the four strikers leaving Neale and Brookeman as substitutes.

The experience of playing West Germany in their present mood is similar to the Herculean task of slaying the Hydra, for no sooner is one player cut down than another seems to appear. This proliferation in their assaults is brought about by the close support given to the man with the ball, the effect being an easy flow as they switch positions at the point of attack.

England are under no illusions about the magnitude of their task, but if they cannot match the individual and collective skills of the Germans they have the will to keep going in an age when hockey is being played at a faster pace than ever before.

Most of England's hopes are on Long who, with a neat crop of seven goals, is second only to Kruize, of The Netherlands, one of the most beautiful strikers of the ball, who has 12. Apart from his technical ability, Long has plenty of speed and as a striker of short corners has proved a worthy successor to Svehlik who was not available this season. There will be heavy demands on the physical resources of England's two linkmen, Cotton, the captain, and Purdy, both of whom have been playing extremely well. Pinks is now full of confidence in the position of sweeper and we have seen some outstanding displays in the back line by Whitaker, Blackmore and Freitag.

On paper West Germany look unbeatable, but both Switzerland and Poland proved that the German defence is not invulnerable and there is no match that cannot be swayed by the element of luck and the capacity for human error. All the same I expect West Germany and The Netherlands to qualify for the final as they did in Brussels four years ago when West Germany won 3—1. But if England can at least take third place that would be a satisfactory achievement.

Tomorrow's

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THE ARTS

Making out in Dime Box, Texas

David Robins

Kid Blue (a)
Screen on the Green

Dead Cert (a)
London Pavilion

Juvenile Court
Collegiate Theatre

Spring into Summer (aa)
Curzon

The Silent One (a)
Studio One

Kid Blue belongs to the school of wry Western comedy-moralities which seem to characterize the Seventies and take their descent from such prototypes as *Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid* and *Little Big Man*. The Westerner who comes (on foot) into town is an outlaw who has thrown away his gun and settled to go straight, mainly because he is such a hopeless train robber ("what I stole wouldn't have made a pile no higher nor a dwarf could 'a jumped over"). He tries with desperate good will to make out among the upright citizens of Dime Box, Texas, in 1902: the homicidal, racist sheriff who harasses the stranger almost as much as the *stray Indians about town*; the customers who bully him in his humble job as barber's boy; the fellow-guests in the lodging house who moralise at him; the sweat-shop factory owner of the Great American Ceramic Novelty Company; his best friend's respectable little Western wife, who inconsiderately rapes him.

He finds his soulmates are the other outcasts, the dispossessed Indians who hope in their befuddled way that Jesus may not only save their souls, but also restore their birthright, a barmy preacher who is busy inventing a flying machine, and a whore who emerges from his past to save him from respectability and hearten him to return to crime with one spectacular coup, a big wages snatch. The preacher's flying machine proves little help in his getaway; but the Indians, their horses and the wilderness enable him finally to escape the respectable, who are last seen padding distantly after him, in the frowzy combinations in which they have been roused from their beds.

It is light and amiable and insignificant, written by Edwin Shrake in arch and stylised dialogue, and directed by James Frawley with a satirical appreciation of the myth and milieu of the West on the verge of civilization, and an evident delight in his performers. Denis Hopper (from *Easy Rider*) is a winning Kid Blue, voluntarily tamed, suspending his experience and judgment in savouring, with *increasing distaste, the new* experience. Ben Johnson, who has generally been subdued to genial roles, is the meanest of mean sheriffs; and Janice Rule, whose potential in the Forties style of *femme fatale* has been too much neglected, is a triumphant baritone Wild West trollop.



Dennis Hopper and Janice Rule in Kid Blue

In Dead Cert, his first theatrical film since *Ned Kelly* and *Hamet* in 1970, Tony Richardson has set out modestly to entertain. He has made Dick Francis's racing thriller into a melodrama crime mystery on the lines of Th

Shopping around

Sheila Black



The Christian Dior shop at 9 Conduit Street, London, W1, has a knack for original presents. I like the present range of plastic "tortoiseshell" which, even if it didn't look like tortoiseshell (which it does) looks richer than its prices suggest. The photograph frames are unusual—the round one (top left in the picture) is of wear and tortoiseshell plastic. The outer diameter is about 7in and the actual photo-frame diameter is 3in, the price being £5. The square frame (4½in) has a round picture hole and costs £3. There is a very pretty one, like frames for three miniatures in a row on a 5½in piece of tortoiseshell, at £2.75 (not in the picture).

The handbag or pocket frame is a flat, gold-coloured metal (nearly 2½in square). The two sides clip together firmly—a really smart little possession or gift, this, at £4. The little pill-box is also attractive, though rather too large for a pocket and more handbag or table size at about 2in by 1¼in (£1.50 only). Everything can be posted, the cost usually being about 30p. Telephone Miss Moon to ask about what appeals to you—01-499 6255.

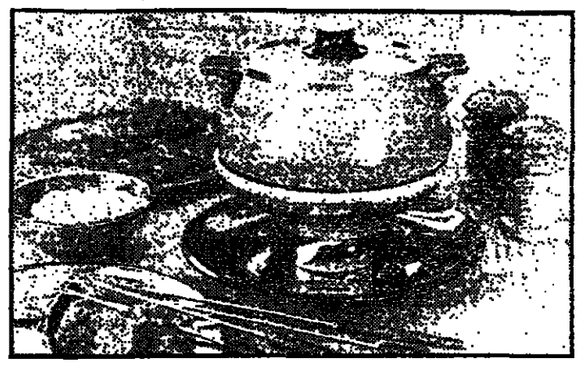
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● I have been getting three of the new, electrical, thermostatically controlled fondue sets tried out. Sadly, in a way, the least elegant appears to be the best performer, so here it is. It seems to cook better and it does have the advantage of being easy to clear away as soon as it is finished with. On this one, the Siemens, the base plate does not get too hot to handle, whereas base plates on the other two do. There is a safety clamp with this, which is probably a good idea if the flex trails where it might trip someone and so be brought tumbling.

The base plate does, however, get slightly warm and it is designed to stand on top of the plates, taking the chill off the one just under it. The Siemens is in a green enamel or a copper-coloured finish, and in one size, with the hot plate that cradles the fondue bowl having a diameter of about 7in. Instant obedience to the heat control is the quality commended by my testing expert, who gave fondue parties to prove it. Made in West Germany, it is in a number of leading department stores—the Debenhams group, the House of Fraser group, the Lewis group and large electrical shops—at around £16, including the six dipforks and with a recipe book of sweet and savoury dips.

Not in the book is a rather good recipe, worth giving here. Mix 4oz of bitter chocolate with a half-pint of double cream, two tablespoons clear honey, and a couple of tablespoons of rum or brandy (more if you wish). Add the honey and the spirit after the chocolate and cream have been gently melted and stirred. Use portions of fruit as dips—mandarins, apples and bananas are all good. The very thin like to dip marshmallows or sponge fingers or digestive biscuits.

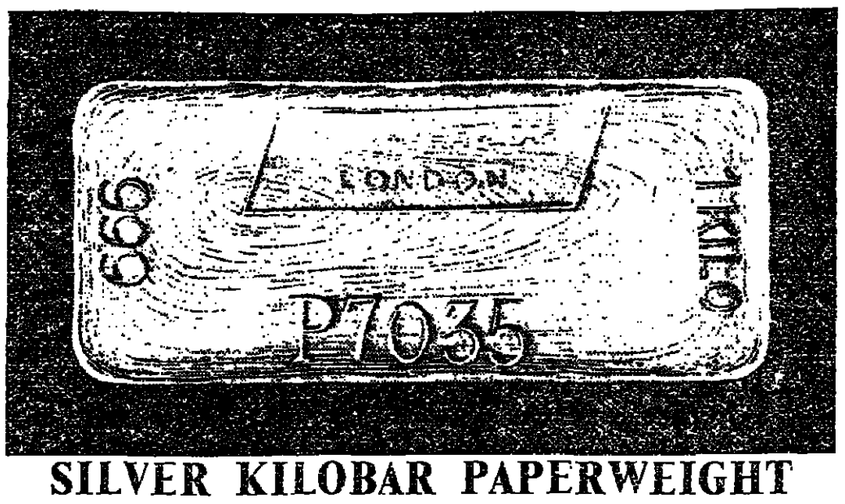
If you have difficulty in finding the fondue set, write to *Marketing Manager, Siemens Ltd., Great West House, Great West Road, Brentford, Middlesex* (01-568 8281) for your nearest stockist.



● Weather permitting, it ought to be possible to cut succulent asparagus about now. My favourite mail order firm, which sells between May and July, is A. R. Paske and Co, of Regal Lodge, Kentford, Newmarket (telephone Newmarket 750611).

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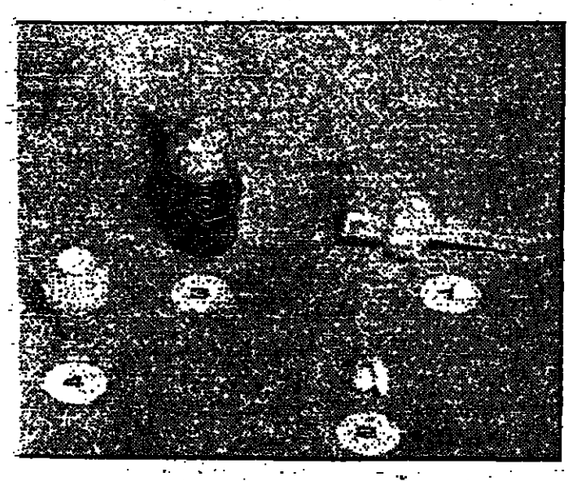
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Don't blame Southern Vinards for a number of complications over *The Times* offer of basic wine-making kits and books. Muddles had nothing to do with them and I still heartily commend their wares. Since the Budget, queues have been forming for the grape juices for all sorts of wines. I find the trouble with my wines is that every visitor drinks up and I do not get the chance to lay down a stock.



I did buy in a lot of juices before the Budget—their prices were unaffected by the tax on wines. Whether or not the extra VAT for fruit drinks applies, nobody knows, but as it cannot be a drink until the home brewer has "manufactured" the concentrated grape juice, we hope that it escapes. I have tried every kind of grape juice, and the one that produces the best results for me is the Southern Vinyards brand. Prices went up in March, so that your ordinaires are 12p the bottle instead of 10p. I recommend the specials and the superior juices, which work out at from 13p the bottle or thereabouts, plus the cost of sugar (allow 1 lb per six bottles) and the tiny, thermostatic heater.

The champagnes are much easier to make than one thinks and turn out as extraordinarily drinkable, sparkling, light, white wines. The main problem has always been clarity. I think I have the knack—filter bags, bottling twice, and standing up the bottles while chilling, so that any sediment settles. You could serve the wine in coloured glass if it is cloudy because the taste is still pleasant. But there are some new corks—pictured here—which approximate to the methods used by many professional sparkling wine producers. I haven't yet had a chance to try out these new gadgets but reckon, from experience, that they are functional.

The plastic "corks" have long tubes on them which collect the sediment and which can be cut off, the hole they leave being filled by tiny plastic stoppers and the wire cage holding all in place while the clearing process goes on. Do not decry plastic corks, with or without the end tube, for home-brewed champagnes since their hollowness can collect the undesirable sediment and they are re-usable. Besides, they fit very, very tightly.

The grape juices will almost certainly have to go up in price next June so get order forms now. If you can drive to Brighton, advice is sound and there is a discount for personal shoppers. Otherwise, there are national stockists everywhere and a good mail order system. The address is Southern Vinyards, Nizells Avenue, Hove, Sussex BN3 1PS.

Do-it-yourself dresses with the look of haute couture

king your own clothes—business of actually stitching m together and getting the ms straight—is not so difficult. What is hard is to cut and le the clothes to look like hion products. Patterns are id, as are fabric departments, most women still banker er some exclusive style in h materials.

Mrs Weisz, who runs a tique called Quintessence at Chelsea Manor Street (off the g's Road near Chelsea Town ll), London, SW3, has long n a specialist in the design, and style part of dresses, ts and suits. This is not done the cheap. Mrs Weisz goes to is, where she is now well own at the fabric house of antilly Mouly Rousset which ns its doors only to fashion ises. She buys dress lengths s, not rolls and rolls of terial. Then she designs the les and sells a package—ign (exclusive), material, her tern, lining, all accessories l interlinings—everything an ateur couturier with high ndards might want.

This is not, I must stress, just pattern service. Mrs Weisz cuts the material for you and gives a fitting before her package is complete. The final sewing together and finishing is made as foolproof as possible.

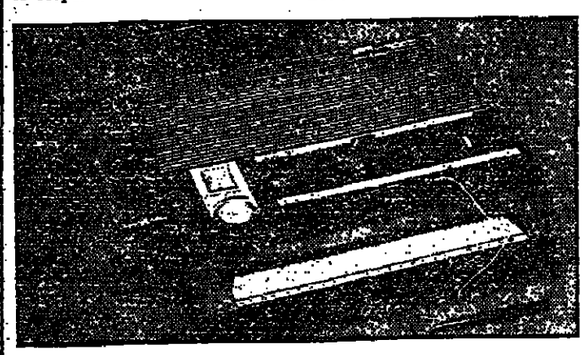
She is extraordinarily versatile, and brimming with ideas for coordinates. She is cunning, too, adapting patterns to be a coat or a skirt and jacket or a day dress. Out-of-town visitors need just 48 hours to get the pattern cutting and first fitting done, then the package can be posted on. The fitting is the important thing, the thing that makes the style stylish. If you want them, there can be more fittings.

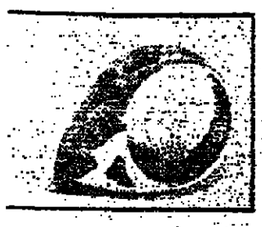
I have seen her clothes and they hang beautifully. A day dress starts at about £35, an evening dress more. Literally hundreds of her customers were convinced they could never tackle good clothes for themselves and now find it straightforward and rewarding. Some women do use her patterns for local dressmakers, where such luxuries still exist. You don't really need a dressmaker with Mrs Weisz's patterns, just a woman who can sew—Mrs W. provides the imagination. Telephone her on 01-352 7403 on weekdays between 10am and 5pm.

● The Stylophone, I learnt recently, was first sold in 1968, but I had never come across one until a few weeks ago. It was then I tried to play the Stylophone 350S. A curious instrument, this, which simulates a great many instrumental sounds and some sounds an orchestra cannot manage. The Stylophone is incredibly easy to play, and the effects it can achieve are legion.

By pressing control keys, you can mix strings with brass, and get pipe and woodwind sounds together. Foot pedals give you vibrato, and you can accompany records, amplifying them with your own created sounds. There is even a "decay" key to reproduce the eighteenth-century tone of a harpsichord. I can't play a note, but did wander from piccolo to bassoon, from trumpet to sax, and all by means of stops.

I admit that I couldn't be sure what the Stylophone was for, except for fun and amateurs. But I'm sure they tell me true when they say it sells to groups, party-goers and givers, Scout groups, and all sorts of associations and individuals because it *doe make amateur enterraining* sound less amateur. The price, £39.50, is not out of this world when you consider its versatility. As the picture shows, the instrument has a neat keyboard (the pedal is on a cord) and it can be connected to recorders or record players. It runs off batteries so it is completely portable. It weighs only 3¼lb and measures 13in by 11¼in by 2in. Get all the details from Dubreq Studios, Stylophone House, 120-132 Cricklewood Lane, London NW2 2DP, or see it at most music shops from the end of this week. Dubreq is happy to arrange demonstrations—telephone 01-450 5476.



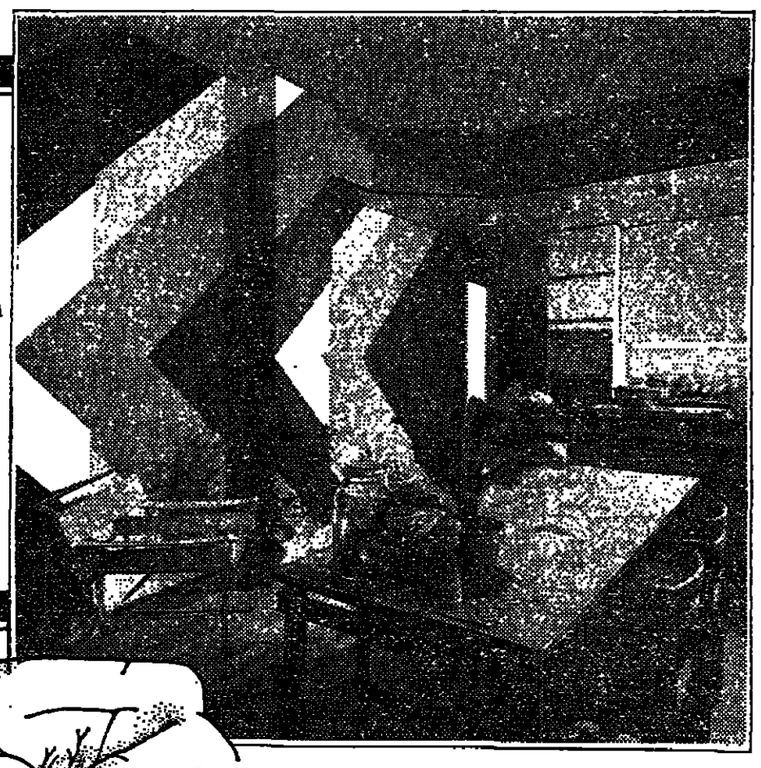


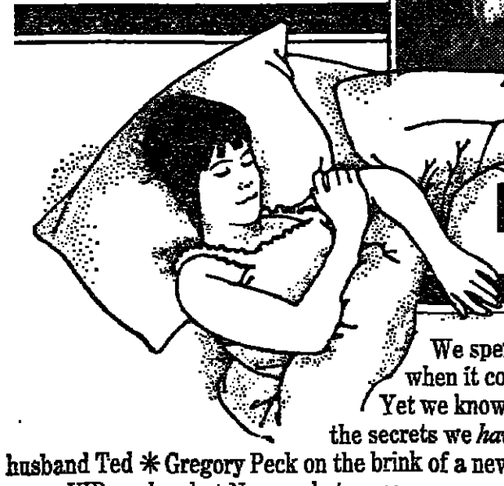
● This silver ring is by a young girl called Alex Murray and you will find it at Booty Jewellery for £18. The "stones" are of polyester resin in any colour you like—any colour of the spectrum is the way Alex describes it. The silver is cast, then placed in the resin mould and the resin is poured in. Very wearable, very pretty. At Booty of 14/18 Holborn, London, EC1.

Also see Booty's exhibitions of jewelry at 9A New Bond Street. At present, they have a display of dainty, imaginative but not-so-modern pieces by Clare Murray. Tiny mice shelter under flowers; birds perch by moonstone ponds; village scenes are softened by cottages and trees. Booty might post Alex Murray's ring (the similar surnames are coincidental) so telephone to ask—01-242 1891.

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We spend a third of our lives sunk in sleep. We take it for granted when it comes easily... yet search desperately when it eludes us. Yet we know so little about sleep and what it does for us. Here are some of the secrets we *have* unveiled * Elsewhere in the issue: Barbara Castle by husband Ted * Gregory Peck on the brink of a new career * and a Competition that could win you a VIP weekend at Newmarket races. *(Exclusive to readers in Gt. Britain.)*

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Tory call for anonymous donors to declare their interests: 'Not a question for me'—Mr Foot says

House of Commons

MR ATKINSON (Haringey, Tottenham, Lab) asked the Secretary of State for Employment for a statement on the termination of the recent strike of the AUEW.

MR FOOT (Ebbw Vale, Lab)—During yesterday's proceedings in the case of Con-Mech (Engineers) Limited v Amalgamated Union of Engineering Workers (Engineering Section) the court agreed to a proposal that a sum of £65,000 should be paid to the sequestrators on the instructions of donors who wished to remain anonymous.

This sum was sufficient to cover the compensation due to Con-Mech and to certain other judgment creditors, together with the costs awarded by the court against the union. The court therefore ordered that as soon as the payment had been made all the assets still being held by the sequestrators should be returned to the union.

Subsequently the union executive decided to call off the strike which had begun on the previous day. Naturally I welcome that decision.

This case is yet another illustration of the damage which the Industrial Relations Act can do, and of the importance of getting rid of it as quickly as possible. That is what the Government intend to do. (Labour cheers.)

MR ATKINSON—Will Mr Foot confirm that there is nothing unusual in anonymous donors settling common debts of this kind and in the way chosen in this case? Would he also confirm that the fact that the AUEW have accepted donation in this way in no way suggests they are satisfied that there is any justification at all in a court awarding £2,350 for each week of the dispute.

Would Mr Foot make arrangements with the Law Officers to discuss the question of the outstanding money still being held by the court which came from the AUEW.

MR FOOT—As far as I know, it has been the practice in other cases for anonymous donors to help to settle a case so I do not think it is altogether exceptional, although the activities of his court were exceptional in many respects.

Over recent weeks I have had many discussions with the Law Officers to discover how we can avoid the dangers we faced over the past few days. Our conclusion was that the best way in which we could avoid them was to proceed although the activities of this with the Bill we introduced as speedily as possible. There was no other proper constitutional way of doing it. That is why we are proceeding in this way.

MR WHITELAW (Penrith and the Border, C)—Everyone will be glad the country is not to be subjected to the damaging effects of a totally unnecessary and irresponsible strike which would not have taken place if Mr Foot's advice to the AUEW had been taken.

The repercussions of the manner in which it was ended could be far reaching. Mr Foot says that the question of anonymity is reasonable but in a matter affecting the nation as a whole, like this, is that really so? Should we not know who these people are? Mr Foot says that he does not know and I accept that, and the Prime Minister says that he does not know, and I accept that.

Surely we ought to know? When everybody is saying that we should declare interests, on a voluntary basis, it is reasonable that they should be asked to do so too.

Is it not fair to set out the facts of this case as they are—that this was a recognition dispute and some means of solving recognition disputes have to be found? If Mr Scanlon had been prepared to use the methods in the Act he could have gained considerable benefits for his union. Even if he was not prepared to do that, if he had been prepared to argue his case in court, he could have got a different result. If he had taken Mr Foot's advice he could have got a different result.

When a union is prepared, in spite of those decisions, to use its industrial power to upset the views of the Government of the day, could they not do so for any government, including Mr Foot's? (Conservative cheers.)

MR FOOT—When he expressed a sense of relief, that is shared on this side and, I would have thought, by everyone in the country and the House.

I made no judgment on whether the matter should be kept anonymous or not. It is not a matter for me. I do not know who are the donors, but the question of whether it should be kept anonymous is not for me. It might have been a matter for the court, but it is not my business, I am sure, to interfere with the court. (Labour laughter and cheers.)

As for what Mr Whitelaw says about what would have happened if the union had gone to the court, it is true, that when I went to Worthing and addressed the members of the national committee, I advised them to go to court because I thought it the best thing in their own interests and in those of all concerned, but I know very well that, over a period, they had no wish to go to court and I understand those feelings as well. So I hope he will not press the matter.

As for his saying that he wants people to take my advice, I am all in favour that everyone should. I hope some Conservatives will take it. The best way to settle this question is to get rid of the 1971 Act.

MR EDELMAN (Coventry, North-West, Lab)—Will the Chancellor treat the payment of £65,000 as a business expense, a speculative investment or a political contribution? (Laughter.)

MR FOOT—I am sure the Chancellor will be able to deal with the question when it is put to him, but I hope he will not tempt me to enter into individual tax cases because I understand that is a reprehensible practice too.

SIR HARMAR NICHOLLS (Peterborough, C)—In view of Mr Foot's derogatory comments about the court, does he accept that this was a High Court, properly constituted, and which did its duty within the law, impartially and objectively. Does he not see as a minister that for the sake of future law-abiding reactions in this country, that these rulings from the High Court should have been accepted?

MR FOOT—I agree, if Sir H. Nicholls is saying that the trouble in this whole affair derives from the Act itself and not necessarily so much from the operation of the court.

If he is referring to what I said in the debate on Tuesday, it was dealt with by the Chair which is the proper authority.

MR ARTHUR LEWIS (Newham, North-West, Lab)—A little while back some of my constituents, dockers, were put in prison. Like a bolt from the blue some chap called the Official Solicitor was dug up from somewhere. Can I be assured that this money did not derive from the Official Solicitor, or unofficial solicitors?

MR FOOT—When we were examining the perils which might arise in this situation, I was thinking of asking my legal friends whether they could introduce me to this fellow because he might have been useful. (Laughter.) I hope we can get over this crisis soon and will not have to call on the Official Solicitor or on these patriotic donors.

MR PEYTON (Yeovil, C)—Would it not be a courtesy if he were to withdraw the remark about "Some fool or trigger-happy judge"—because most of us cannot believe that those words lie well in the mouth of any responsible minister? (Conservative cheers.)

MR FOOT—I am not going to accept instructions from Mr Peyton on matters of responsibility, sensitivity or delicacy. Those questions were dealt with properly by the Chair. It is an absurdity for him or anybody else to suggest that we should depart from the rule that it is the Chair which decides.

New bread subsidy brings total to £52m: average family getting 60p benefit

MRS SHIRLEY WILLIAMS, Secretary of State for Prices and Consumer Protection (Hertford and Stevenage, Lab), said in a statement: The Government have decided after consultations with representatives of the bakery industry to increase the rate of the bread subsidy in order to prevent price increases of 1.5p on a large loaf and 0.5p on a small loaf that would otherwise occur on Monday, May 13, following notifications to the Price Commission by the major plant bakers.

The rate will accordingly be increased to £3.81 per 280 lb sack of flour used on or after Sunday, May 12, in the production of loaves that qualify for the subsidy. At the same time in response to representations from MPs and from consumers the coverage of the subsidy will be extended to include all loaves baked in tins and weighing 8oz to 10oz inclusive, but not to smaller loaves, fancy bread products or bread rolls.

The cost of this increase in the rate of subsidy is provisionally estimated at £30.9m in 1974-75, and at £35.7m in a full year. These figures may be subject to some minor adjustment in the light of discussions I am having with the bakery industry about the method of calculating the rate of subsidy.

I shall, of course, review the rate of subsidy if there are net reductions in the industry's allowable costs, for instance as a result of a drop in flour prices.

MR CHANNON (Southend, West, C)—It is just over a month ago since Mrs Williams came to the House and informed us of a bread subsidy then costing £21m. Only six weeks later she has come to the House with another subsidy costing on her figures £36m—and they strike me as being on the low side.

If on the figures produced she is now subsidizing bread to the tune of £60m a year, is it her policy to keep this bread subsidy open-ended and subsidize any possible future increase in the price of bread? Her policies will do nothing to provide essential food which is really the basic need which the consumer requires.

The total effect of indiscriminate food subsidies will be to provide new benefits of the order of about 1.5p per person per week. They are an indiscriminate and ineffective way of setting about the task which both sides have in mind—to help the people of this country against the ravages of inflation. Her policies will do nothing to help the people they are aimed to help. (Conservative cheers.)

MRS WILLIAMS—Mr Channon exaggerated the sum. The full amount in a year would be £52m. His administration attempted to do virtually nothing about price inflation.

The public demand that we take steps to keep down the cost of living as far as we possibly can. (Labour cheers.) The effect of the food subsidies is to reduce the food index by 4.2 per cent and many people who are pressed regard this as a useful help. Those who benefit most from the subsidies include pensioners and the lowest paid families who do not pay tax unless they have other sources of income.

It is the policy of my party to assist the least well off and the least able to help themselves.

MR GRAHAM (Enfield, Edmonton, Lab)—Would the minister confirm that as a result of this additional subsidy and others the average family of four will benefit on their food bill by between 50p and 60p a week.

MRS WILLIAMS—I am glad to confirm that the benefit of the subsidies including the new bread subsidy to the average family of four is now over 60p a week, and for the old age pensioner couples more than half that, more than 32p a week.

MR HEATH (Bexley, Sidcup, C)—Did she say she was reducing the food index by 4.2 per cent? Can she remove the puzzlement on this side as to how by keeping the price where it is she is reducing the food index? (Conservative cheers.)

MRS WILLIAMS—The effect on the food index is a reduction of 4.2 per cent upon what it would otherwise have been. (Conservative laughter and interruptions.) Under his own administration the retail price index would have risen by this amount.

MR HEATH—Would Mrs Williams, for whose integrity we have considerable respect, in future tell the country what the real position is? (Conservative cheers.)

MRS WILLIAMS—I have consistently said in virtually every public statement I have made that it is an attempt by this Government to reduce the increase in the rate of prices and have never suggested we can reduce the cost of living.

MRS SALLY OPPENHEIM (Gloucester, C)—When Mrs Williams is claiming selectivity for her subsidies how can this claim be maintained when out of £350m already given £144m is to go to people with incomes of over £50 a week, £12m to pensioners, and some £44m to poorer families?

MRS WILLIAMS—We have pointed out time and again that one of the reasons for choosing food subsidies instead of means tested benefits is that the level of take up of means tested benefits is invariably disappointing. Food subsidies were chosen because they are of particular importance to pensioners and lower income families.

MR HOOSON (Montgomeryshire, L)—There will be general approval of the extension of the subsidy to the 8oz and 10oz loaf upon which so many people living alone depend. (Cheers.) What advice is the Government receiving about the likely movement of the price of hard wheat which is after all the governing factor in the price of bread? Is it expected that it is going to descend or increase?

MRS WILLIAMS—The price of hard wheat has fallen overall by 9 per cent since the turn of the year. Canadian hard wheat levelled out in April. We cannot easily predict what the future pattern will be.

I congratulate the bakery industry on having increased the proportion of soft wheat from 35 to 50 per cent which over the past year represents a considerable saving in balance of payments expenditure.

Mr Healey explains why unions will get £10m tax rebate

MR HEALEY, Chancellor of the Exchequer (Leeds, East, Lab), moved the second reading of the Finance Bill.

He said the Government had always considered that to exempt the first £2,000 of investment income from surcharge went too far. Old people deserved some recognition with a higher starting point, and the surcharge for them would start at £1,500 compared to £1,000 for others.

One further group deserved special consideration, divorced or separated wives who depended to a greater or lesser extent on maintenance payments.

For tax purposes (he continued) maintenance is treated as investment income and it has been put to me that the reduction in the surcharge threshold could bear particularly hard on them.

I accept this, and I have therefore decided that in addition to the £1,000 already exempted from investment income surcharge, that the first £1,000 of maintenance paid shall also be exempt. Divorced or separated women with no other investment income will not become liable for surcharge until the maintenance paid reaches £2,000. Even then, a further £1,000 will be liable only at 10 per cent rate. I am confident this will be widely welcomed.

It was wrong that a family could be able to reduce its total tax bill by arranging for some investment income to accrue to a minor child, for example in a deed of covenant or other settlement made by the child's grandparents. Therefore he would be bringing forward in the second Finance Bill, as promised, proposals to aggregate children's investment income with that of their parents.

The new provisions to come into force in April, 1975, would provide the same broad protection for incomes received by a child in respect of physical injury, as did the earlier legislation. In particular, incomes derived by the thalidomide children, from charities and the charitable trust funds would not be affected.

There would be general approval of proposals for taxation of the United Kingdom native on income from overseas.

The issue which had caused most concern was the point after which a foreigner resident here became liable to full United Kingdom tax. Clearly at some point the stage was reached when a man was established here, and the claim that he should be treated for tax purposes in the same way as a native became unanswerable.

The Government would be putting forward an amendment which would lengthen to nine years out of 10 the period a person had to stay here before he was to be treated for income tax and capital gains tax purposes as if domiciled here. At the same time the more certain definition of residence would be substituted for that of ordinary residence.

He would be introducing a new clause to restore to trade unions the special tax relief they had enjoyed almost without a break for over 80 years—"almost without a break" because unfortunately the 1971 Industrial Relations Act resulted in those unions which chose to deregister not being entitled to that relief.

But their provident funds did not cease to exist nor did the continuing need to make benefit payments to the sick or the old, or for providing funerals for their members or providing for members' children. He intended to put that right and to ensure that the relief continued without any break at all.

Nobody in the House welcomed retrospective legislation but they had always accepted its need when due warning had been given or the proposals declared what the law had always been or for special reasons was justified.

The legislation he proposed would restore to the trade unions from April 6, 1972, the special tax relief they had enjoyed. These were provisions which the previous Government did not believe the trade unions would lose whether or not they were registered on August 4, 1971.

Mr Carr (when he was Secretary of State for Employment) was convinced that such registration was not necessary and that there was another course open to the unions and his advice was: trade unions could hive off their provident fund activities to a separate organization registered under friendly society Acts to obtain tax exemption available to friendly societies.

The Labour Opposition said at that time that for the majority of trade unions this was not a practical solution and Mr Carr chose to take no notice. He was restoring the tax relief the previous Government were convinced was available by one means or another, experience had shown that alternative they offered just did not exist in practical terms.

Those unions which had separately registered their provident funds as friendly societies did so when they first came into existence many decades ago. The difficulty of changing the status of provident funds at that stage was that unions could only be over-ruled after many years of complex legislation and after great interference with the working of the unions involved. It was a mistake that the Government proposed to put in this Bill.

There was accumulating evidence that the Budget was already creating the confidence required and that the economic judgment reflected was not unsound based. There had been a significant recovery in the stock market. The market, industry and the country were at last beginning to realize that the Budget was right and that it paved the way for the sort of expansion which could be steadily maintained.

So long as the Government seem to be doing everything the Government could do to control the cost of living, he was sure they could count on the cooperation of those who made excessive claims to play their part in the fight against inflation.

Easy way out had been to register

MR CARR (Sutton, Carshalton, C) said the previous Government had not intended that the provident funds of unions should be taxed. This need not have been the result of the Industrial Relations Act, either. The easy way out had been to register.

In most cases unions had exercised their right not to register in the industrial relations sense. This was a pity not only from the point of view of ease of protecting provident funds but from that concerned with good industrial relations and union members' interests. He had taken advice to make sure that even if a union decided not to register it could still protect its provident funds. He had seen no evidence since that there had been any legal impediment to this protection.

We shall want some evidence (he continued) whether unions tried to protect their provident funds or rather that they did not deliberately neglect to try as part of a politically motivated programme of action to discredit the Industrial Relations Act and to present it to the country and their members as something it never was.

The methods chosen by the Government to deal with the so-called Lonrho affair had effects which could be extremely damaging to Britain. They had the Chancellor's second thoughts and they obviously moved in the right direction. They would consider them carefully before expressing a final view.

Serious though the abuses were, one could pay too high a price for trying to remove them all. They would approach the appropriate clauses from that point of view.

The Opposition would press amendments in that and other major areas, like income tax, corporation tax and personal allowances. He would advise Conservatives to allow the Bill to go through on second reading but at committee stage they would back their amendments, where necessary, in the division lobbies to do all they could to ensure that some changes were made in the interests of the prosperity of the country and of fairness for various sections of the community.

The purpose of the so-called social contract or compact was to achieve moderation in pay claims by voluntary agreement. He was sceptical about the social compact holding for more than a limited time and suspected the time was not disconnected with the Government's electoral plans.

The country was entitled to ask that some regard should be paid to the price which the rest were being asked to pay for this flimsy, short-lived compact. What in essence was the compact supposed to be?

They were told it was fairness. Fairness for whom? What was fair in the judgment of this Government was what powerful trade union bosses happened to think was fair at a particular time. They all climb on the back of Len Murray's grey mare (he said) and off they go to the fair so lavishly presented by Healey and Foot, the political successors of Barnum and Bailey. (Laughter.)

Protection money

Trade unions were a large, important minority but they were a minority. What about the majority? How much had they got to pay by way of protection money? What they seemed to be getting from this Government was a protection system of support for a few powerful trade union bosses and a small minority of their members.

It would be more acceptable (he went on) if we were being asked to pay this protection money in favour of all 10 million trade union members in this country.

The Chancellor was placing the main burden of his proposals on the middle income groups. However hard he clobbered the rich, they were too few to produce anything but a tiny proportion of what he needed. In the end he had had to clobber almost everybody.

Let us stop going on in this self-destructive way (he said) by taxing middle and high income comes more savagely than any major industrial country, and also preventing individuals from creating personal wealth by their own honest effort, skill, and risk-taking. If we go on we shall get a drain of wealth-creating activity.

MR MICHAEL SPICER (South Worcestershire, C), in a maiden speech, said the middle classes had been disillusioned, disabused, and undermined by events over the past 20 years. They were on the brink of revolt. They were outraged by current events. The immediate reason was the rate of inflation running at around 20 per cent a year.

The middle classes could become the greatest adversary of democracy when whipped into fury either by national failure or by savage inflation. The middle classes, traditionally loyal and providing the dynamo of the country, were boiling over with anger and this explained the present electoral volatility.

MR PARDOE (North Cornwall, L) moved the Liberal amendment: "That this House declines to give a second reading to a Finance Bill which does nothing to stop the rate of inflation rising to a level which is a danger to democracy, fails to protect those on lower incomes who suffer most from inflation, and yet increases the danger of an unacceptable level of unemployment".

He said Britain would only achieve anything they could call an economic miracle when the average hours worked by the average Briton, in management or on the shop floor, produced as much as the average hour worked elsewhere in the world.

The Chancellor would say that if things went wrong he could change them in the autumn Budget. In fact, if he got things wrong now the autumn would be too late to do anything about it.

MR HUGH FRASER (Stafford and Stone, C) said they needed to get wealth into the country to sustain the standard of living. There were some Labour MPs who were slightly deranged on these matters. They were politically xenophobic and fiscally zero-philiac, which meant they hated foreigners and loved to achieve a loss. (Conservative laughter.)

We have got a Chancellor red in tooth and claw (he said) and my fear is unless a proper influence is brought to bear on him, when we have the second Budget he will make certain through the wealth tax, gift tax and the measures he proposes that the precise thing which Nye Bevan spoke of when a member of this House—that it is not the object of the Socialist Party to destroy personal wealth—will be dumbfounded and destroyed.

MR SEDGEMORE (Lewisham East, Lab) said inflation operate on the man in the way that the absence of wat the desert could. It could ac make him go mad. That evidently what had happene the Editor of *The Times* wh had suggested a return to the standard.

I sometimes wonder (he why it is that old men h after their youth.

Why was it that those p who fought at Bretton Woo create a world economic sy free from the constraints o gold standard were now writi *The Times* saying that if onl had gone back on the right p the world economic system w have lasted for ever?

If we want to cure infl through strict monetary discip then the gold standard is a irrelevance. One could limit i tion better through fixed bu justable exchange rates.

The Editor of *The Times* ar that inflation in the we democracies was now at su level it would lead to a situ where political power could into authoritarian or totalit hands, but where else would ical power in this country f we were no longer mone disciplined and had levels o employment between 2,500,00 three million.

MR COPE (South Glouc shire, C), in a maiden speech this Bill increased inflati pressures. Personal allow were not increased by as mu inflation had whittled them since they were fixed by former Chancellor.

MR TROTTER (Tynemouth in a maiden speech, said community accepted the nec higher taxes in the present of the economy, but it was right that those taxes shou temporary and not vind They had seen in the l unparalleled severity of ta of the rich. It was not true t soaking the rich they could the problems of the poor.

The answer must come growth but the Budget di cious little to help the gro industry.

MR GILBERT, Financial tary to the Treasury (E East, Lab), said it was pr to extend the scope of the interest relief to cover the tion where property was bought for a dependant r with the help of a mortgag dependant's home woul treated for allowing interes as if it were an extension borrower's own home and be subject to the full rest on relief on interest on amount or amounts up to £2

The relief was being exte cases where marriages had down and the husband co to meet the mortgage intere home occupied by his divo separated wife even thoug longer qualified as his ma idence.

Another concession co problems that arose on che residence. At present owner occupiers were enti relief on bridging loans period of six months' du The period would be exte 12 months.

The Liberal amendment jected by 120 votes to 12 ment majority, 108. The B read a second time.

Politicians should join RUC reserve

House of Lords

Lord Glenkinglas, formerly Mr Michael Noble, and Lord Geoffrey-Lloyd, formerly Mr Geoffrey Lloyd, who were both Conservative MPs, were introduced.

VISCOUNT BROOKEBOROUGH asked whether the Government were satisfied with the role of the security forces in Northern Ireland.

He said that they could not have a reduction in the level of the Army and at the same time a policy of using the Royal Ulster Constabulary in the role of a bobby in an English country. He would like to see 20,000 in the RUC reserve.

He had for the second time been turned down as an applicant to join the RUC reserve because a member of the force should not have any active part in politics. He did not know anybody in the north of Ireland who was not totally and actively involved in politics. The regulation should be destroyed.

He would put every politician up to his neck in it and make him put his money where his mouth was. He was fed up with people complaining that the Army or the police did this or that, and that not enough was being done. He would make sure that every politician was given an opportunity of joining the RUC reserve so that they could see exactly what had to be done. It would be found that a lot had not got the guts to do so.

LORD GREY of NAUNTON (Ind), in a maiden speech, said that the use of troops must not continue longer than could be helped. It was not for this that the armed forces of the Crown were maintained.

VISCOUNT MONCKTON of BRENCHLEY (C) said pay of the troops should be increased but it should not be called "danger money". The danger might be there but it was the long hours of boredom and discomfort that were hurting them.

The MARQUESS of SALISBURY said there was a growing tendency for men to leave the forces rather than return to Ulster, and few recruits were coming forward. It was unlikely that the present role of the security forces could be maintained.

LORD WIGG (Ind) said he did not understand the arguments of the political parties in saying they would not talk to extremists. He would do so. The Irish situation could be settled when the extremists on both sides sat round the table and reached agreement.

LORD DONALDSON of KINGSBRIDGE, Under Secretary for Northern Ireland, said the terrorists disregarded law and order, the requirements of the civil administration and they were subject to no restrictions. Since January 1 there had been 57 knee-cappings in Northern Ireland. That was one of the most painful wounds. It was not as bad as in the Capone days but it was getting near it. The country was dealing with something very nasty, and let there be no mistake about it.

There had been an increase of terrorist incidents but the general level of violence was less than it was a year ago. In the first four months of this year there were 1,247 shooting incidents, and in the same period last year there were more than twice as many. The bombing had increased in the same period from 299 incidents to 308.

Soldiers would stay in Northern Ireland as long as the situation demanded.

House adjourned 8.4 pm.

Mr Jenkins on defects of indecent displays Bill

MR REDMOND (Bolton, West, C) asked what representations the Home Secretary had received in favour of legislation on pornographic and indecent displays.

MR ROY JENKINS—I have received about 30 letters in favour of legislation on indecent public displays. I have also received a smaller number against. I do not propose to reintroduce the Cinematograph and Indecent Displays Bill.

MR REDMOND—That Bill was widely supported. Will he bring it back into the House or has he taken on board that the pornographic society is the civilized society?

MR JENKINS—I was not opposed to the principle of the Bill—that one should not allow these matters to protrude. But one does not either want censorship. My view was that the Bill fell apart in several important respects in committee.

MR MATHER (Esher, C)—In what way is he going to allay the concern about indecent displays, in particular in reference to children and young people?

MR JENKINS—I am willing to keep this under review. I do not wish the fact that I am not reintroducing the Bill to be taken as showing indifference to the protrusion of offensive matter to people who do not want to see it. But one has to draw a difficult line between this and censorship, and the Bill my predecessor introduced failed in practice to achieve this.

MRS DUNWOODY (Crewe, Lab)—This Bill was a dangerous piece of bigotry. (Conservative protests.) Will he resist any attempt to try to dress up the protection of the needs of children in the sort of garments of straightforward prejudice that this Bill represented?

MR JENKINS—There were dangers in the Bill, which is why I am not reintroducing it.

MR CORMACK (South-West Staffordshire, C)—Many people would not like rigid censorship, but at the same time would feel concerned about this public display. Will he bring proposals before the House to deal with this public display aspect as quickly as possible?

MR JENKINS—It is a difficult subject on which to legislate and until I am clear that it would be possible to legislate in a way which would reserve the rights of freedom of expression with other considerations, I have no intention of doing so.

MR MICHAEL McNAIR-WILSON (Newbury, C)—If there is concern about the possibility of an affront to public decency, where does he set the limit? Are we going to know what the limit is, and how are we going to enforce it?

MR JENKINS—One of the great difficulties about the Bill was the impossibility of giving any sensible definition of indecency.

Enforcement of orders for maintenance

MR DALYELL (West Lothian, Lab) asked how many letters the Home Secretary had received since taking office from women who had failed to obtain the alimony awarded by court order.

MR LYON, Minister of State, Home Office (York, Lab)—Four. The Government will consider the need for improvements in the machinery for enforcement of maintenance orders in light of the Finer Committee's recommendations.

MR McCRINDLE (Brentwood and Ongar, C)—This matter is causing, and has caused, considerable concern on both sides of the House for a long time. (Cheers.) While hesitating to suggest it, has any investigation been made into the possibility of these women being paid from the social security system leaving them free to proceed against recalcitrant husbands?

MR LYON—This is a problem of which we are well aware and trying to solve. That was why the Finer Committee was appointed. The recommendations of the committee, when produced, will bear on these particular women. The report is due to be published some time in July.

Autumn Bill on sex discrimination

MR MACFARQUHAR (Belper, Lab) asked what plans the Home Secretary had to legislate to remove all forms of discrimination against women.

MR ROY JENKINS—I hope to indicate the scope and nature of my proposals for securing equal status for women in the course of the summer with a view to introducing a Bill in the autumn.

MR MACFARQUHAR—Will any proposals he brings forward extend legislation into spheres where discrimination is practised, such as finance, credit, mortgages and pension schemes. Will he also make sure there will be an anti-discrimination board with wide powers of investigation and enforcement.

MR JENKINS—The Secretary of State for Social Services (Mrs Barbara Castle) has already indicated that pensions will be covered in her proposals. I certainly intend that anything I announce should be capable of effective enforcement.

Parliamentary Notice

House of Commons

Today at 11.00: Representation of the People (No 2), Spouses of United Kingdom Citizens (Equal Treatment) and Public Lending Right Bills, second reading.

178 immigrants apply

MR PETER MORRISON (City of Chester, C) asked the Home Secretary how many illegal immigrants had come forward as a result of the amnesty and if he could confirm that as a result of the amnesty, illegal immigrants were able to bring in their dependants.

MR ROY JENKINS—So far, in the four weeks which have gone by since I made this announcement, 178 people have applied. Many of these were not illegal immigrants within the category described.

These figures, while we cannot be quite sure how they will develop in the future, in so far as they provide a guide to what has happened suggest that many of the figures quoted after my statement on April 11 were grossly exaggerated, as I believed was likely to be the case.

If someone is given the right to settle he is allowed to bring his dependants in.

Next week's business

Business in the House of Lords will be:

MONDAY: Farriers (Registration) and Rabies Bills, second reading. Motions on Supplementary Benefit (Determination of Requirements) and Family Income Supplements (Computation) Regulations.

TUESDAY: British Airports Authority (Lonsford River) Bill, third reading. Control of Pollution Bill committee stage.

WEDNESDAY: Short debates on state financing of political parties and the work of neighbourhood law centres. Motion on Northern Ireland (Emergency Provisions) Act, 1973 (Amendment) Order.

THURSDAY: Consumer Credit Bill. Report stage. Control of Pollution Bill, committee stage continued. Motions on Counter-Inflation (Price and Pay Code) (Amendment) and Counter-Inflation (Price and Pay Code) (Amendment) (No 2) Orders.

Business in the House of Commons will be:

MONDAY: Debate on defence. Supplementary estimate to building societies. Motions on Family Income Supplements (Computation) and Supplementary Benefits Regulations.

TUESDAY: Debate on the prices. Motion on Northern Ireland (Emergency Provisions) Order. Lord High Commissioner (Church of Scotland) and Contingencies Fund Bills, second reading.

WEDNESDAY: Independent Broadcasting Authority and Dumping at Sea Bill, remaining stages. Motions on Counter-Inflation (Price and Pay Code) (Amendment) Orders. Proceedings on Consolidated Fund (No 2) Bill.

THURSDAY: Finance Bill, committee stage. Contingencies Fund Bill, remaining stages.

FRIDAY: Town and Country Amenities and Youth and Community Bills, second readings.

Ex-Broadmoor murderer: no failure to exercise due care—Mr Jenkins

MR TEBBIT (Waltham Forest, Chingford, C) asked the Home Secretary for a statement on the circumstances of the release of Mr Terry Iliffe from Broadmoor in January, 1973.

MR EVELYN KING (South Dorset, C) asked if the Home Secretary would institute an inquiry into the case of Mr Iliffe who, following the death of his first wife from cancer, his second wife's suicide in his presence, the infliction of grievous bodily harm to his third wife, was, contrary to the recommendations of judge, and psychiatrist, released from Broadmoor and had been sentenced at Winchester Assizes on a charge of murdering his fourth wife.

MR ROY JENKINS (Birmingham, Stechford, Lab), indicating that he would publish a detailed statement of the facts of the case, said: This man committed murder within a year of discharge from Broadmoor Hospital and while he was still under supervision as a discharged patient. This is naturally a matter for deep concern. But, from the full facts available to me, and which MPs will be able to read, I do not think that there was a failure to exercise due care in regard to his discharge and after-care.

Having regard to the procedures since instituted on the recommendation of the Aarvold Committee and to the review which is already being carried out by Lord Butler's committee on mentally abnormal offenders, I am not persuaded that an inquiry into this particular case would be useful.

MR TEBBIT—None of us would want to leap to conclusions about individual cases, but he must understand there is wide concern. Could he do something to speed up the Butler inquiry particularly in order to allay public fears?

MR JENKINS—This man was released in 1972. I am not exactly sure what the state of Lord Butler's inquiries are, but I will gladly inquire. I would not wish to press him to go at a faster rate than he thinks appropriate to conduct an important inquiry.

MR KING—While understanding the difficulties, this man's first wife died, his second wife died by committing suicide in his presence; regarding his third wife, he was convicted of grievous bodily harm, and it was grievous. In respect of the fourth wife, who is my constituent, he cut her up in pieces and put her in a fridge.

Would Mr Jenkins concede that while the Home Office must pay due attention to the psychiatrists's report, they must also in the name of common sence have regard to a man's previous record? This constituent of mine might have been alive if they had done that.

MR JENKINS—I think this is so. I think that not all questions mentioned in the previous record would necessarily be regarded as part of a record had the event not happened. I think Mr King will agree with that. I am in that sense answering for one of my predecessors, Mr Robert Carr (Sutton, Carshalton, C), although we all as Home Secretaries have to take these difficult decisions from time to time.

In his original question Mr King referred to the decision being taken contrary to the advice of judge and psychiatrist. I do not think that is right.

MR JENKINS, in his written statement, said Iliffe was admitted to Broadmoor Hospital on December 18, 1970, after he had pleaded guilty at the Southampton Assizes on the same day to causing grievous bodily harm to his wife (since divorced). The brief circumstances of the offence were that he had knocked his wife unconscious and shut her in the boot of his car, from which fortunately she was later able to make her escape. At the time of the offence Iliffe was on probation following his conviction by a magistrates' court five days previously of an earlier offence of wounding his wife and another man.

Medical evidence before the assize court, based on examinations before trial, was to the effect that Iliffe was suffering from a depressive illness and the court made an order under section 60 of the Mental Health Act, 1959, for his detention in Broadmoor, together with a restriction order under section 65 without limit of time. The effect of the restriction order was to make discharge from hospital subject to the Home Secretary's consent.

Patients suffering from depressive illness often make a quick recovery and by the time of Iliffe's admission to Broadmoor he showed no signs of overt depression. After a period of 21 months' observation of the patient in hospital the responsible medical officer reported that there had been no further signs of depressive illness or of aggression or violence since admission, and conditional discharge subject to supervision was recommended. This recommendation was supported by a second medical opinion from another consultant at Broadmoor.

After careful consideration of this advice and all the circumstances of the case the Home Secretary's authority was given for conditional discharge from hospital, which took place on December 6, 1972. The conditions were that Iliffe should (i) reside at a stated address; (ii) be subject to supervision by a probation officer, and (iii) attend at a psychiatric out-patient clinic as directed by a consultant psychiatrist at Broadmoor Hospital.

After discharge Iliffe received active support and supervision from an officer of the Hampshire probation service, who was familiar with his case and had been fully briefed on the medical and social aspects. When the probation officer learned that Iliffe was contemplating remarriage he advised him against any hasty step and arrangements were made for Iliffe and the lady to discuss the matter with the responsible doctor at Broadmoor.

This meeting did not take place because in the meantime Iliffe had, without the knowledge of the supervising officer, married another lady whom he had met through a marriage bureau.

A fresh appointment was then made for Iliffe to see the Broadmoor doctor with his wife. When the doctor saw them he found no reason to think that there was any immediate danger in the new situation, but care was taken to see that Mrs Iliffe was fully informed of her husband's position and both were warned to keep in close touch with the supervising probation officer.

Because Iliffe had now gone to live at his wife's home in Swanage, immediate arrangements were made for responsibility for his supervision to be transferred to the Dorset probation service.

During the next four days the Dorset probation office were in frequent touch with Iliffe and his wife by telephone and an appointment for them to see the new supervising officer was twice postponed because Iliffe was said to have an injured foot. On the day fixed for the postponed appointment Mrs Iliffe was found dead at her home.

On April 9, 1974, at the Winchester Crown Court Iliffe was convicted of the murder of his wife and sentenced to imprisonment for life. There were medical reports from four doctors before the court: none of them found any evidence that Iliffe was suffering from any mental disorder needing psychiatric treatment.

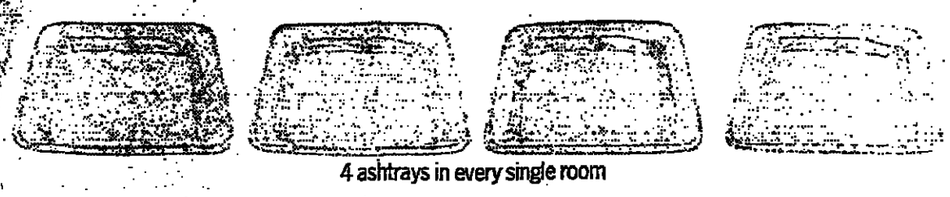
In passing sentence the judge expressed the view that at the time that Iliffe was in Broadmoor he was not mentally ill and had deceived the doctors in diagnosing a depressive illness, but that it would be unfair to criticize any of the doctors concerned for what had occurred.

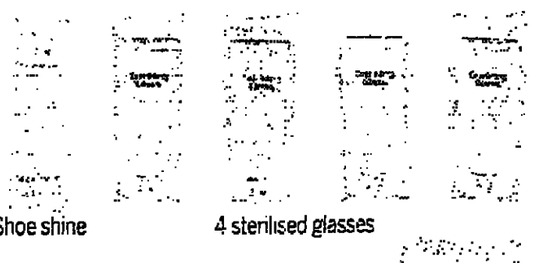
The case illustrates the difficulties in making an assessment of the appropriate method of treatment and of behaviour when dealing with disordered personality given to deception.

The proposal for discharge and the arrangements for after-care were most carefully considered in accordance with the revised procedures introduced immediately following the arrest of Mr Young. The procedures have since been further revised in accordance with the recommendations of the Aarvold report, and they are again being examined by an interdepartmental committee under the chairmanship of Lord Butler which is reviewing the powers, procedures and facilities relating to the treatment of mentally abnormal offenders.

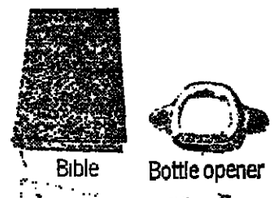
The host with the most.


Waste bins

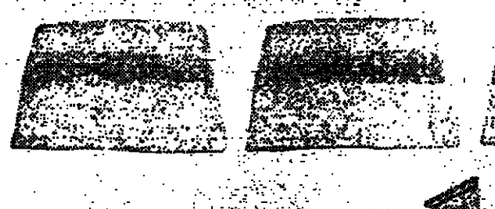

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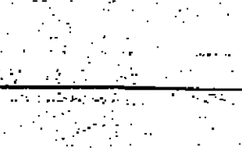
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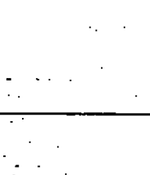

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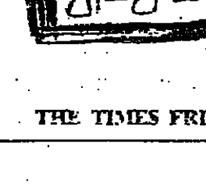
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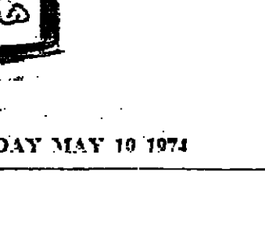

3 bars of soap

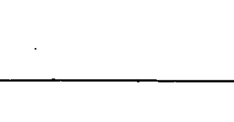

Full-length mirror


Tissues


Tissues


And more tissues

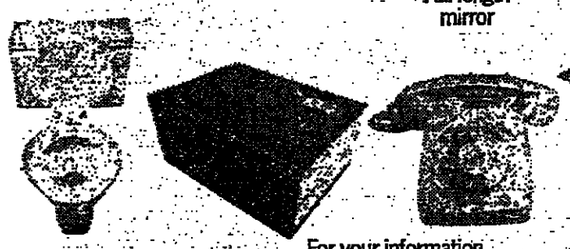

Shower with full controls

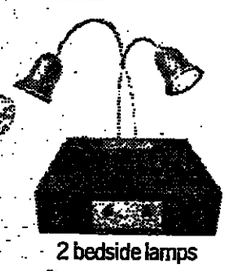

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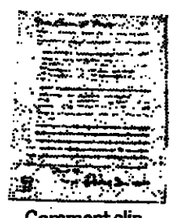
Basin with vanity unit

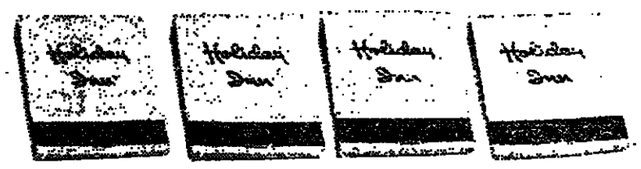
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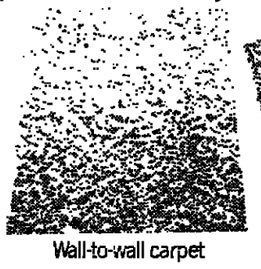
Luxury bath


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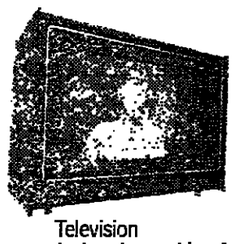

2 bedside lamps

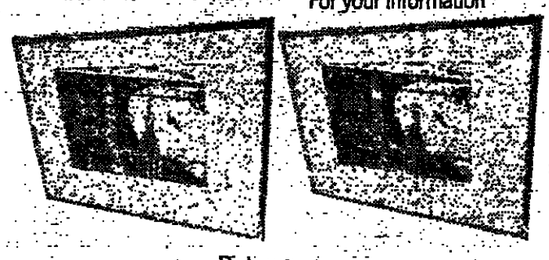

Comment slip for you to put in what we left out


4 books of matches


Wall-to-wall carpet


Desk chair

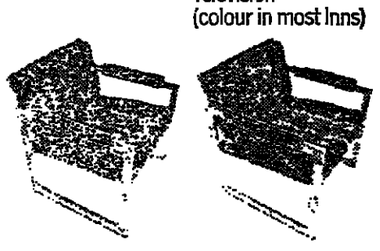

Television (colour in most Inns)

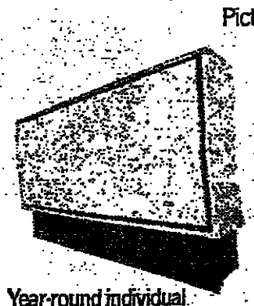

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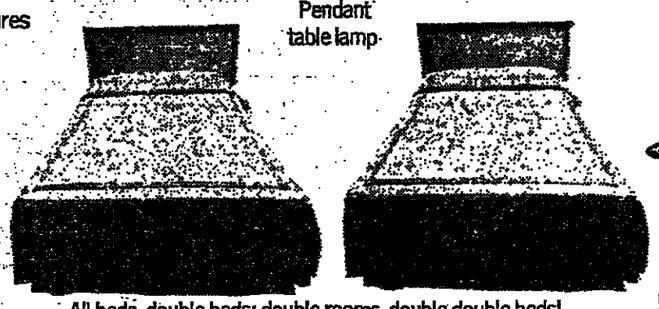

Pendant table lamp


Just in case you brought your wardrobe with you

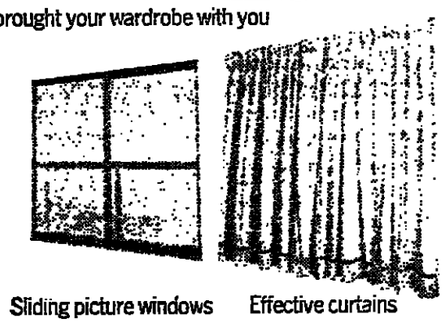

Desk lamp


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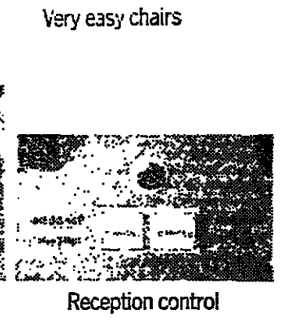

Luggage rack


Sliding picture windows

Effective curtains

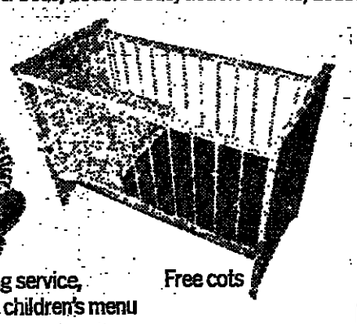

Occasional table


Radio control


Reception control


Doctor on call

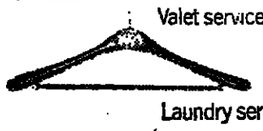

Baby-sitting service, high chair, children's menu

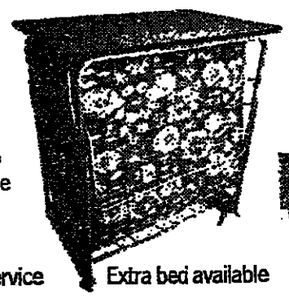

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Spotlight on Thames Valley

Education: Differing policies, similar problems

Among Thames Valley parents one of the big talking points in education is the announcement by the Education Secretary, Mr Prentice, of further steps to abolish selectivity in secondary schools. Among teachers, however, a main concern is not this so much as the effects of the area's high housing costs on attracting and keeping new teachers.

Mr Prentice has said that he will approve no big building projects at non-comprehensive schools "except where such projects are necessary to enable the schools to become comprehensive". Furthermore, he is inviting local authorities to resubmit comprehensive schemes rejected by his predecessor, Mrs Thatcher, and all are required to say by the end of this year what still needs to be done before selectivity may be abolished.

Buckinghamshire has not favoured comprehensives, even though its neighbour, Berkshire, with a Tory majority that has survived the addition under the April 1 reorganization of the industrial centres of Reading and Slough, is already going comprehensive.

Mr Cliff Metcalf, who is depury head of the Willink School, a comprehensive at Burghfield Common, said that the school's fully equipped metalwork room had been empty since last September. Throughout the Thames Valley schools found it difficult to replace teachers because of high house prices.

Mr Metcalf, who is the National Union of Teachers' executive member for Berkshire, Buckinghamshire and Oxfordshire, said that the valley was pleasant to live and to work in. But over and over again teachers from the Midlands or the North would come for an interview, be offered and accept the job, only to back out after visiting some local estate agents.

So far, he said, the situation had not led to children being sent home from school, but it was narrowing the range of instruction open to schoolchildren as vacant posts stayed unfilled. Berkshire County Council, he said, was able to give mortgage aid to teachers, but in order to attract replacements it was sometimes forced to concede higher grades than the post perhaps merited.

This in turn led to some discontent among established teachers, who felt themselves left behind in the promotion stakes as newcomers were offered attractive posts in order to plug the gaps.

Councillor Henry Benedictus, who is the chairman of Berkshire Education Committee, said that while teachers were finding it difficult to buy their homes, the situation was no worse than anywhere else in the South-east. Nevertheless, the mortgage aid the council was able to give was possibly of less help to newly qualified teachers than to their longer-established colleagues, since new teachers' earnings were low in comparison to today's housing costs.

The entry of Reading and Slough into the county council area, he said, would lead to difficulties in the harmonization of education policy. Slough favoured a middle-school system and had supported the idea of sixth form colleges. Reading had three schools which would stand out from the pattern of Berkshire policy. There was the Cintra, a secondary modern school, and two selective grammar schools, the Kendrick (girls) and the Reading (for boys).

Outside the comprehensives question, Councillor Benedictus said one of the things he would like to see the council tackle was the problem of backward readers. Although there were probably no more than 10 years ago, it was likely there were no less.

The idea, he said, was one associated with his vice-chairman, Rear-Admiral Raymond Tribe. What would be needed would be earlier diagnosis of reading problems among children, and the appointment of suitably qualified teachers.

The Arc, at Harberton Mead, Oxford, is a small play-group and nursery school run on "free school" lines. The school, which is privately run, is open between 9 a.m. and 3.30 p.m., five days a week and charges 30p per half-day session and 15p for lunch.

By "free", the Arc appears to mean that the school seeks to bring out what is best in the individual rather than what qualities society may find most convenient. Parents who care to discuss the matter further should contact The Secretary, The Arc, Harbertson Mead, Oxford, tel. Oxford 64089.

There are many private schools throughout the Thames Valley, reflecting the affluence of many of the area's residents. Details are available in List 70, List of Independent Schools in England and Wales, available from the Stationery Office at 89p.

Ross Davies

Wide choice in shopping and leisure

The Thames Valley has an individuality that is enhanced rather than overshadowed by the nearness of London. In recreation and in shopping, the people who live along the valley are free to pick out the best that both have to offer.

For shoppers, the towns of the valley have for many years offered a mixture of High Street shopping tailored to the area's comparative affluence, together with reasonably convenient access by road or rail to the great shopping thoroughfares of the capital.

Today, however, there is a new ingredient—a string of purpose-built shopping centres, many of them linked to the old High Streets.

The new centres not only add to the range of shops available but also offer more comfort than many postwar developments of this sort. Many are recent enough to be covered, totally or in part, sheltering shoppers not only from rain but from the icy draughts created by some of the older "new" developments.

At Reading, for example, there is The Butts Centre, a completely covered, air-conditioned shopping area. This is nearly complete and is connected to a multi-storey car park. A second development nearing completion in Friar Street will offer direct pedestrian access to Reading station.

At Slough, there is the Queensmere development, also near completion. This has a C. & A., Tesco and an extension of the existing Marks and Spencer store. Queensmere has direct access to both a multi-storey car park and the Slough High Street shopping area.

Bracknell is itself being developed as a "new town", although it predates the planners' intentions. The town offers a pedestrianized shopping area, centred on the old High Street and the newer Charles Square, among whose shops is a Bentalls department store.

A new shopping centre is being developed at Nicholsons' Walk, Maidenhead, which, together with much of the High Street, is to be pedestrianized, enabling shoppers to sample both in maximum comfort and safety.

Much of Basingstoke town centre was levelled and redeveloped in the 1960s, and a pedestrianized shopping centre, including a Woolworths and a Littlewoods was built. High Wycombe has a partly covered shopping centre.

Among the discount store companies, Comet Radiovision has warehouses at Reading and at Oxford.

As with shopping, so with recreation. For those who wish to spend their spare time and money in the theatre, cinemas and clubs of the West End, then these are at hand. But the presence in the Thames Valley towns of many residents able to hold down well-paid London-based jobs means that the area can support inns, restaurants and clubs above average in number and quality.

Any account of Thames Valley recreation should consider the River Thames itself. Even if you do not own a boat, there are plenty of people from whom you can hire one. Hoseasons Boat Hire Holidays, of Lowestoft, book holidaymakers through 20 Thames boatyards and through hire fleets on the area's canals.

At Windsor, Arthur Jacobs run trips lasting from 35 minutes to three hours, taking in Eton College, Royal Windsor race course, Runnymede and Windsor Castle.

The Kennet Horse Boat Company at Newbury offer day, half-day and evening trips along the Kennet Canal, while River Thames Barge Cruises run three and six-day trips between Windsor and Oxford aboard their floating hotel, the Guidance, a converted Humber keel barge.

There are race courses at Ascot, Newbury and Windsor, and theatres at Henley (Kenton Theatre), High Wycombe (The Palace), Newbury (the Watermill), Windsor (Theatre Royal) and Wokingham (Wokingham Theatre).

Among the area's riding establishments are Long Close Stables at Eton Wick, Windsor; Pinnocks Wood Stables, at Burcherts Green, Maidenhead, and Brawlings Farm, at Hornhill, Chalfont St Peter.

Flying training is available at the Airways Flying Club, and Kelly Aeroplane, both of Booker, near Marlow; West London Aero Club, White Waltham Aerodrome, Maidenhead and the Oxford Air Training School, at Oxford Airport, Kidlington. There are many other flying training establishments.

Reading has a museum and municipal art gallery, one of whose features is the Thames Conservancy collection of prehistoric and medieval metalwork. The university has a Museum of English Rural Life, of Greek Archaeology as well as the Cole Museum of Zoology.

A feature of the area is a strong interest in railway preservation. Within reach of the Thames Valley towns, there is the Great Western Society, based at Didcot and which plans to establish a national working railway museum alongside Brunel's main line in that town.

A brief introduction to the area's recreation is available from the Thames and Chilterns Tourist Board, Old Gaol House, Abingdon.

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Another property of some interest is Pigeon Hoo, near Tenterden, Kent, built about the beginning of the sixteenth century, when it belonged to the Manor of Battle.

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Another grade II building of interest is Norney Old House, at Shackleford, near Godalming, Surrey. It dates from between the late sixteenth and early seventeenth centuries and originally was probably two or more cottages. In the past few years a wing has been added. The main accommodation includes a drawing room, dining room and study, all of which have interesting curved-back, inglenook fireplaces. Also on the ground floor there is a small self-contained flat and upstairs there are five bedrooms. Outside facilities include a swimming pool and garaging for three cars, and the garden runs to about an acre. For sale privately or at auction later, it is expected to make something over £70,000. The agents are Lane Fox and Partners, of London, and Vernon Smith and Co, of Reigate.

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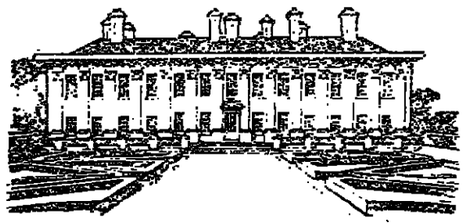
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More than enough crazy people around to start World War III

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In this time of scientific and cultural enlightenment, while the human mind soars to heights it has never reached before, man simultaneously expends more energy than ever before on perfecting the means of his own destruction. The world is divided into camps, each preparing to annihilate the other. In addition to the struggle going on between the opposing classes within individual societies, the world is rent by conflicts between states with different political systems.

Some people thought that World War II would be the war to end all wars because mankind would agree never to let such massive destruction happen again. But we've now reached the point where some people are talking about a World War III. You can't just brush such a suggestion aside by saying, "No, that's impossible now that there are nuclear weapons". World War III *is* possible. There are more than enough crazy people around who would like to start one. I know that *our* government doesn't want war; and when I was in the leadership, I did everything I could to avoid war. But anything is possible.

To those people who claim that the development of nuclear weapons precludes war, I say that the development of nuclear weapons precludes *limited* war that is, it precludes war fought with conventional weapons. Now there is the ever-present danger that big states will be drawn into a military conflict between smaller states; and once that happens—no matter what guarantees, assurances, and agreements may exist—it's hard to believe that a drowning man won't clutch at straws.

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In other words, now that the big countries have thermonuclear weapons at their disposal, they are sure to resort to those weapons if they begin to lose a war fought with conventional means. If it ever comes down to a question of whether or not to face defeat, there is sure to be someone who will be in favour of pushing the button, and the missiles will begin to fly. Once one side, in desperation, starts using atomic and hydrogen bombs, a global disaster will be upon us. I once expressed this idea in a speech—and I recently heard a bourgeois journalist refer to my speech over the radio.

The United States has been our potential enemy; certainly it has been our most powerful and our most dangerous adversary. If we had given the West a chance, war would have been declared while Dulles was still alive. But we were the first to launch rockets into space, and we exploded the most powerful nuclear devices. We performed those feats first, ahead of the United States, Britain, and France—which are the principal performers in the orchestra of international politics, with the Americans calling the tune for their allies. Our scientific accomplishments and our obvious military might had a sobering effect on aggressive forces in the United States, Britain, France, and, of course, in the Bonn government. It's no small thing that we have lived to see the day when the Soviet Union is considered, in terms of its economic and military might, one of the two most powerful countries in the world.

I remember President Kennedy once stated in a speech or at a press conference that the United States had the nuclear missile capacity to wipe out the Soviet Union two times over, *while the Soviet Union had* enough atomic weapons to wipe out the United States only once. He added, "The United States is none the less obliged to respect the Soviet Union and to avoid conflicts." When journalists asked me to comment on Kennedy's statement, I said, jokingly, "Yes, I know what Kennedy claims, and he's quite right. But I'm not complaining—as long as the President understands that even though he may be able to destroy us twice, we're still capable of wiping out the United States, even if it's only once. I'm grateful to the President for recognizing that much. We're satisfied to be able to finish off the United States first time around. Once is quite enough. What good does it do to annihilate a country twice? We're not a bloodthirsty people."

These remarks of mine drew some smiles from the newsmen.

I can't express the same confidence about subsequent American Presidents — especially Nixon. To my way of thinking, he's unpredictable. I'd even say unbalanced. I don't know what motivates him, other than his obvious ideological hatred for Communism and everything progressive. The main issue now is for all the leaders of the world to recognize the war *must* be prevented because, if it breaks out in this day and age, it will bring disaster to the whole planet. Mao Tse-tung believes that a new war would weaken the capitalist countries and therefore lead to further revolutionary gains for the proletariat. That's ridiculous. War would do as much harm to the socialist countries as it would to anyone else.

Despite what Mao says, social reform is an internal question, to be decided by the people of each country on their own. I'm speaking now about the class struggle, a long and difficult process which can't be resolved at the conference table. The capitalists and the working class can't be reconciled in friendly meetings.

The struggle will end only when Marxism - Leninism triumphs everywhere and when the class enemy vanishes from the face of the earth. Both history and the future are on the side of the proletariat's ultimate victory. Gradually in some cases, suddenly in others, the political conditions in capitalist countries will change for the better; the people will have the final say, and the existing relationship between exploiters and exploited will dissolve.

We Communists must hasten this process by any means at our disposal, *excluding war*. We must remember that while the capitalist powers are unlikely to risk a world war, they will never miss an opportunity to conduct subversive ideological policies against us. I consider that normal and legitimate. The capitalists use their ideological propaganda, and we use ours. We must never forget that our enemies are always working against us, always looking for a chance to exploit some oversight on our part.

There's a battle going on in the world to decide who will prevail over whom: will the working class prevail, or the bourgeoisie? The working class is convinced that the bourgeoisie has exhausted itself and that its days are numbered, while the bourgeoisie believes it can rule forever.

Every right-thinking person can see clearly that the basic questions of ideology can be resolved only when one doctrine defeats the other. As long as the capitalists refuse to give an inch, as long as they swear to fight to the bitter end, how can we Communists, we Marxists-Leninists, even consider compromises in the ideological field? There's no way. To speak of ideological compromise would be to betray our party's first principles—and to betray the heritage left us by Marx, Engels, and Lenin.

It was with this conviction in mind that I allowed myself at one point to use the expression "we will bury the enemies of the Revolution". I was referring, of course, to America. Enemy propagandists picked up this phrase and blew it all out of proportion: "Khrushchev says the Soviet people want to bury the people of the United States of America!" I said no such thing. Our enemies were purposely distorting a few words I'd just let drop.

Later at press conferences I elaborated and clarified what I'd meant. We, the Soviet Union, weren't going to bury anyone; the proletariat of the United States would bury its enemy, the bourgeoisie of the United States. My statement referred to an internal question which every country will have to decide for itself: namely, by what course and by what methods will the working class of a given country achieve its victory over the capitalists?

> 'We still have a lot to learn from the capitalists. There are still many things we don't do as well as they do.'

The struggle, then, is a struggle going on within each country between its own proletariat and its own bourgeoisie. As I've said many times at press conferences and in speeches during the years when the direction of our policies depended largely on me, there can be no such thing as peaceful coexistence in the sphere of ideology and the class struggle, but there can and must be peaceful coexistence in the sphere of relations among states with differing political systems.

Peaceful coexistence has been the most reasonable strategy during the period of transition from capitalism to socialism—in other words, the period in which we now live. Peaceful coexistence serves the interests of socialists and capitalists alike—as well as the so-called intermediary peoples who recently freed themselves from colonial oppression. I continually made speeches propagating the idea that we must live in cooperation and harmony with the capitalist world.

For one thing, we still have a lot to learn from the capitalists. There are many things we still don't do as well as they do. It's been more than fifty years since the working class of the Soviet Union carried out its Revolution under the leadership of the great Lenin, yet, to my great disappointment and irritation, we still haven't been able to catch up with the capitalists. Sometimes we jokingly say that capitalism is rotten to the core. Yet those "rotten" capitalists keep coming up with things which make our jaws drop in surprise. I would dearly love to surprise *them* with our achievements as often. Particularly in the field of technology and organization, "rotten" capitalism has borne some fruits which we would do well to transplant into our own socialist soil.

Vladimir Ilyich Lenin himself established the doctrine of peaceful coexistence among states. Wasn't it Lenin who said that there should be mutual contacts and mutual exchanges of opinions between the Soviet Union and the capitalist countries? Wasn't it Lenin who said that revolution is not for export? Therefore, just as we oppose the export of *counter* revolution, we also oppose the export of revolution. We should adhere to Lenin's guidance and leave the business of overthrowing capitalism to the people of each country. We should make non-interference obligatory.

If the big powers interfere in the affairs of smaller countries, the possibility of all-out war—hence the danger of total destruction—will be many times increased. We've been peacefully coexisting with the big capitalist countries ever since 1945. Numerous local conflicts have broken out around the world but have not spread into global war because the major powers have stayed out—with the exception, I hasten to add, of the American militarists who have behaved like gangsters disguised as gendarmes in Vietnam.



Now, rather than talking about war, we should be talking about disarmament. Our military objectives have always been defensive. That was true even under Stalin. I never once heard Stalin say anything about preparing to commit aggression against another country. His biggest concern was putting up anti-aircraft installations around Moscow in case our country came under attack from the West.

We've long since replaced these anti-aircraft guns with more sophisticated weapons. Thanks to the work of our scientists, such as our brilliant designer Sergei Pavlovich Korolyov, we have developed ICBMs that represent an effective deterrent against any aggressive moves our enemies might be tempted to make.

What if our foes did launch a missile strike against us? In addition to being able to strike back, would we also be able to shoot down their missiles before they landed on us? Theoretically, of course, science provides us with the means to do so. I used to say sometimes in my speeches that we had developed an anti-missile missile that could hit a fly, but of course that was just rhetoric to make our adversaries think twice. In fact, it's impossible to intercept incoming ICBMs with pinpoint accuracy and total reliability; even if you knock down most of them, a few are bound to get through.

President Johnson restrained himself from trying to develop an ABM system; but when Nixon came into the White House, he announced that the United States was going to build up its ABMs. That, of course, encouraged the Soviet Union to speed up its own programme, lest our country fall behind the United States. The step-up in our programme has in turn goaded the Americans into stepping up theirs. And so it goes on. It's a vicious circle. There's no end in sight.

The case of the ABMs is a perfect example of how idiotic the arms race is. The spiral of competition is an unending waste of human, intellectual and material resources, and it increases the chances of a military catastrophe—a World War III. Once again, I can't help comparing Nixon to Eisenhower, with whom I exchanged experiences about the way our military men were always putting pressure on the government to give them money for new weapons. Naturally, the updating of defences is necessary, but it can go to absurd extremes.

We must keep in mind that military competition is profitable for the circles of monopolistic capital in the West, while it's economically damaging for the socialist world. We must never forget the true character of all imperialists, monopolists, and militarists, who are interested in making money out of the political tension between nations. If we try to compete with the West in any but the most crucial areas of military preparedness, we will be further enriching wealthy circles in the United States who use our military build-ups as a pretext for overloading their own country's *arms budget*.

> 'The case of the ABMs is a perfect example of how idiotic the arms race is. The spiral of competition is an unending waste of human, intellectual and material resources, and it increases the chances of a military catastrophe'

The reactionary forces in the West know it's expedient for them to force us to exhaust our economic resources in a huge military budget, thus diverting funds which could otherwise be spent on the cultural and material needs of our peoples. We must not let ourselves be caught in that trap. We must remember that the defence industry is a nonproductive sector of our economy. It *doesn't satisfy the needs* of our people. Military expenditures are a bottomless pit, into which the imperialist camp would like to see us pour our economic potential. We must not give in to the provocations which our enemies will commit against us; we must not let ourselves be provoked into producing unnecessary weapons.

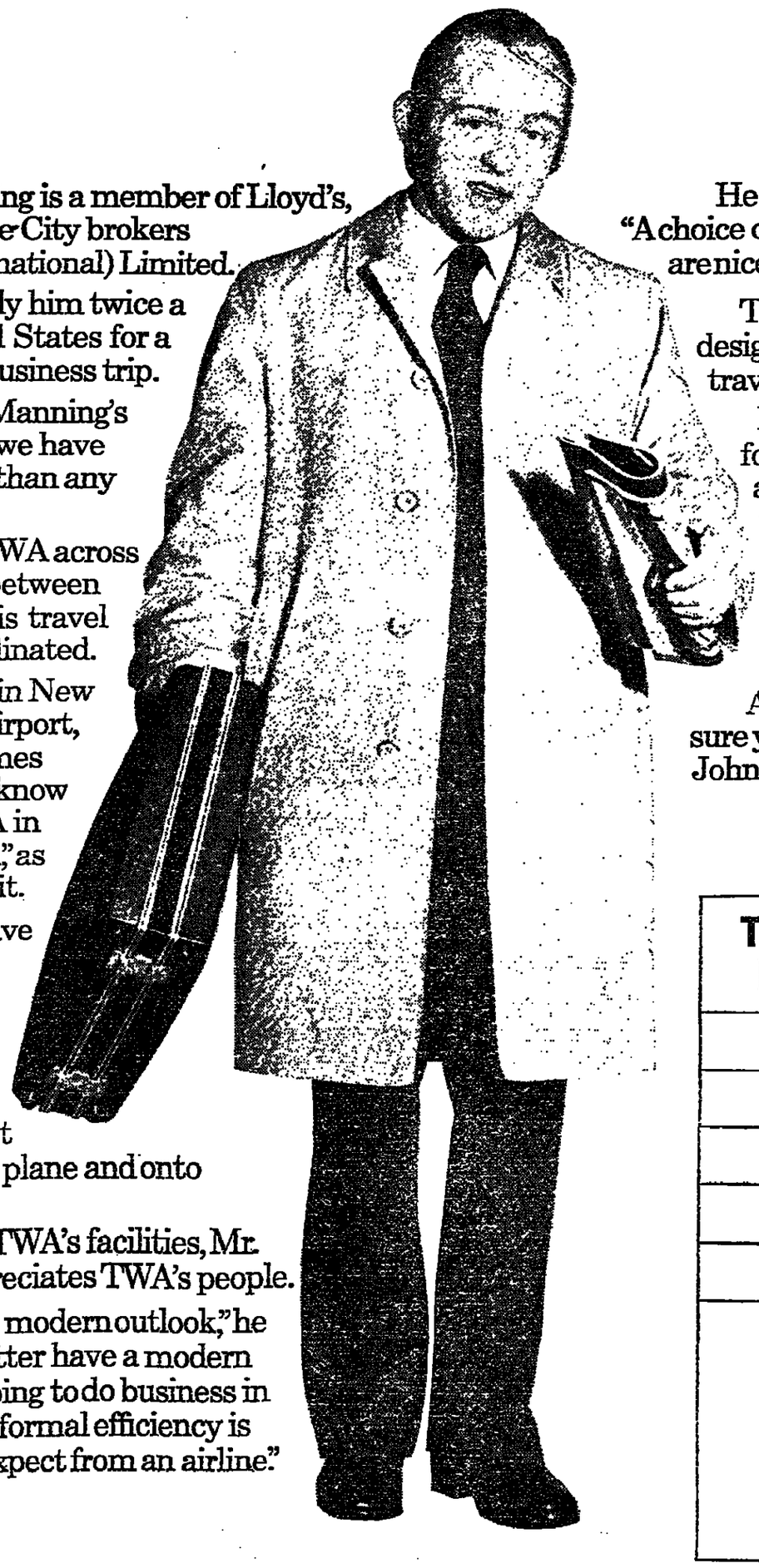
However, we must remember that the advancement of science and technology can be like a whip, cracking over our heads, encouraging us to spend more and more money on national security. We can always build better rockets or better bombs tomorrow than the ones we have today. But the goal of accumulating the very latest weapons in sufficient quantity to be completely safe, once and for all—that goal is an illusion, a dream.

We should be realistic and see that, at the instigation of Churchill even in his retirement, the Western powers forced the arms race on us during the Cold War. The arms race has been part of a calculated plan to hinder the development of our economy, impede the growth of our standard of living, sow the seeds of disarray and dissatisfaction — and, if possible, bring about the collapse of socialism and a restoration of capitalism in our country.

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Shared schools could breach Ulster's religious barriers



Mr Basil McIvor: compromise.



Canon Murphy: "exciting".

Two small but nonetheless significant events have occurred in the past couple of days to lighten the darkness which was beginning to obscure the Northern Ireland Executive's audacious little plan for integrated schools.

On the one hand the Minister of Education, a quiet and academic Protestant called Basil McIvor, outlined the ideas behind his suggestion of "shared" nursery schools—run by both churches—pointing out, for example, that children would not have to be educated together on a strictly proportionate basis. On the other, Canon Padraig Murphy, the Falls Road priest who argued against the scheme so vehemently on television, made a revealing comment in one of the local newspapers. "Something on the lines of shared schools under the proper conditions of religious equality", he said, "could be a very exciting possibility".

None of this may bring integrated education in Ulster much nearer to reality, but devotees of Irish political science will notice the very first signs of movement towards compromise. Mr McIvor has acknowledged that if the shared schools system is to work it is only natural to expect those in mainly Protestant or Roman Catholic areas to be composed mainly of children from the dominant religious communities there. *Canon Murphy, a robust, grey-*haired man who has never failed to condemn violence from any side in Ireland, seems to have accepted that there may not be too great an ecclesiastical objection in principle, to children of different religious sitting down together in the same classroom.

It is only fair to add that Canon Murphy still opposes integrated education, not only on ecclesiastical ground but because he feels Protestants have not been as deeply committed to their beliefs as Catholics. The Protestant religions, under his theory, has suffered because the Protestant church handed over the responsibility of religious instruction in schools to the state whereas the Catholics did not. The arguments going on just now, however, are on an infinitely larger and braver scale than in the past.

A little more than a year ago, for instance, a report by the advisory council for education in Northern Ireland said that "it would be unrealistic to expect the introduction of integrated schools in the near future". The document, which was examining the reorganization of secondary education in Ulster, then continued to suggest "further progress . . . towards a reduction of barriers". In a manner which might even be described as pussyfooting, joint careers exhibitions, leavers' conferences and seaside holidays seemed to be the best that the advisory council could offer for teachers who wanted to prevent the bitter sectarian conflict in their society.

Mr McIvor, of course, has not just been relying on the Churches to create discussion in the past week. He has asked *parents for their* own views and one suspects he means Catholic parents in particular, since the Protestant Church is making no real objections to integration. Some teachers too feel that the Catholic Church could find itself on the losing side if it does not take note of its own flock. A headmaster in co Armagh who administers one of the five per cent of mixed schools in the province, put it this bluntly: "If the Church insists on this conflict, then a lot of Catholic parents could well decide on their own freedom."

Some Catholic parents already seem set—albeit against their will—on this very same journey. In North Down just now a group of them under the name of All Children Together are trying to find ways of providing religious education for their children outside the Catholic school system. Their efforts have incurred what amounts to a prohibition from the Bishop of Down and Connor; *if their children do not receive* their religious education at Catholic schools and remain instead at state ones then those children will not be confirmed. The leader of the parents' group, Mrs Cecilia Linehan, points out rather archly that the withholding of the sacrament could, of course, be regarded as a postponement, a reply which parents in other areas seem to have received from the Church when their sons and daughters have attended state schools.

Mrs Linehan's telephone has been ringing constantly since her organization got under way and she lists at least four arguments which many of the callers make: "It is obvious that if Mr McIvor's plan is to get off the ground then the lay people will have to make their feelings known. When is it going to be accepted that the laity are part of the church? Parents want to have more say in the way schools are run. If clergymen do not want to co-operate, let parents and lay people get on with the job." Mrs Linehan deals briskly with people who raise sociological objections. "People are always saying that the system of integrated education would not work in parts of Belfast—but why should it be started in Belfast? One man at Maynooth said the other day that the system would not work in working-class areas but what does he know about the working-class?"

Not all parents are as forthright as this. They do not wish to undertake an unwanted and perhaps unnecessary confrontation with the church, especially if they are happy with their children's education.

The surveys and the discussions could go on—as they are inevitably accustomed to do in Ulster, into an apparent eternity, but the Executive at Stormont Castle, both Protestants and Catholics, is expected to press ahead with its plans in the autumn. It will be one of its first administrative challenges and, perhaps fittingly, the possibility of a direct conflict between moderate politicians and the Catholic church may only be averted in the end by the demonstrable will of the Catholic people whom both have to serve.

Robert Fisk

Bernard Levin

Say what you like as long as we agree with it

It is a curious and unhappy fact that if you come across an organization called something like "The Society for Spreading Liberty, Happiness, Brotherhood and Free Chocolate-Coated Digestive Biscuits Throughout the World", closer examination will almost certainly reveal that what its members, or at any rate organizers, believe in is the suppression—if necessary (or even preferably) by violence—of all those whose tastes in liberty, happiness, brotherhood and chocolate-coated digestive biscuits differ from their own. The moment a body sprang into being called the Council for Academic Freedom and Democracy, I chalked "Duggie Never Owes" on my hat and went about offering odds-on of 11-2 that what it would turn out to be in practice was a Council for Ensuring that Various Kinds of Marxist Totalitarians Should Get an Uninterrupted Hearing and that Nobody Else Should Get Any Kind of Hearing at All If It Could Possibly be Helped. The punters rolled up, and I am happy to report that my satchel is full and my ruby tie-pin glows more brightly than ever.

The latest escapade of this sorry crew is connected with the policy recently promulgated by the National Union of Students, the members of which will from now on be normally encouraged (though it must be said that many of them have for some time shown every sign of generating their own encouragement in this regard) to prevent, or to break up, meetings at universities if political views which the leaders of the National Union of Students find unacceptable are, or may be, expressed, or if some person who has likewise incurred their displeasure is to speak. The policy, I may say, has, since its promulgation, been defended by the President of the National Union of Students, Mr John Randall, with such torrents of odious humbug, such floods of transparent disingenuousness, such cascades of cringing, crooked, craven, creepy-crawly cant, as makes me almost despair for a country in which a decent boy can be steeped in the hogwash of his elders to the point at which his brain apparently turns into a kind of Stalinoid soup.

Mr Randall and his gang will not, it seems, be irresponsible or capricious in exercising their policy of suppression. No, indeed; why, they will generously—indulgently, even—tolerate even the most eccentric views or the most deplorable people, provided, of course, that they are not expected to go so far as to allow a hearing to people or opinions which disturb their ignorance, complacency or prejudices *from the right.* You never know, they argue, where right-wing views may lead; to totalitarianism, for instance, against which it behoves us to all to be on our guard.

Stop there and contemplate not the attitude, but what the attitude reveals. *Nowhere* has Mr Randall, let alone those behind him, dealt with the fact that well over half the people in the world live under regimes of left-wing totalitarianism, and that many of these (unlike the far smaller group of right-wing totalitarian states) incessantly proclaim their intention of subjecting the rest of the world to the same tyranny, and take every opportunity of furthering this intention. At an age which should be synonymous with courage, Mr Randall is such an egregious poltroon that he runs away, mewling and puking, from this uncomfortable fact into blether about "racialism" (as if, incidentally, some of the vilest racialism in the world did not come from the left-wing tyrannies). Provided Mr Enoch Powell, say, or the lunatic fringes of the Monday Club, or the National Front, are prevented from putting their views, and provided Professors Jensen or Shockley, say, are banned from presenting their conclusions, and provided Professor Eysenck is forcibly refused a hearing for his evidence, then democracy stands secure—provided, of course, you define democracy as left-wing totalitarianism. Once again, I am reminded of Orwell's famous and unanswerable *dictum: the trouble with* the left in this country is that ever since 1933 it has wanted to be anti-fascist without being anti-totalitarian. And note that Orwell, even in his worst visions of 1984, could never for a moment have dreamed that his words would have to be addressed to the young. Nor, I imagine, did Shakespeare:

O, withered is the garland of the war;
The soldier's pole is fall'n; young boys and girls
Are level now with men; the odds is gone,
And there is nothing left remarkable
Beneath the visiting moon.

But what men they are now level with! With such as Mr Ralph Miliband, for instance, Professor of Politics at Leeds University, who believes that "revolutionary necessity in moments of great and urgent crisis may have to be invoked for the curtailment of academic freedom" (go back for a moment to my first paragraph, and then tell me if you are surprised to learn that Professor Miliband is one of the leading lights in the Council for Academic Freedom and Democracy), and who nobly rejects the view that "freedoms are bourgeois nonsense", but finds himself in a "dilemma", because "We", (*we*!) "are trying to integrate freedoms within a socialist framework", and who says that a "general disposition towards freedom of speech does not mean allowing anyone to speak on anything"; or with Mr Roy Edgley, Professor of Philosophy at Sussex University (by Plato and Aristotle, Professors of Philosophy are not what they were when I sat at the feet of Sir Karl Popper), and no fewer than 16 of his academic colleagues, who publicly defended the prevention by mob violence last year of a lecture there by Professor Samuel Huntington, of Harvard, because he did not entirely share the view of the Vietnam war prevailing among the mob; or with Professor Steven Rose, of the Open University, who urges members of the Council for Academic Freedom and Democracy to "do all in their power" to prevent the expression at universities of views with which he disagrees, such as "fascist and racist" ones (but not, of course, "communist and racist" ones).

It may be argued that with such pastors it is not surprising that the flock has gone astray ("But ask now the beasts", said Job in a slightly different sense, "and they shall teach thee"). Be that as it may, the Council for Academic Freedom and Democracy has just formally refused to criticize the decision of the National Union of Students, and astray is what the flock has most emphatically gone. What ought the rest of us to do?

Well, there is not very much that the rest of us *can* do, but there is not quite nothing. In the course of an excellent article in the *New Statesman*, Mr Alan Watkins, that paper's political correspondent, has proposed that, while the National Union of Students goes storm-trooping about the country's universities suppressing the freedom of speech of those who do not express sufficiently *gleichgeschalter* political opinions, nobody who cares for freedom of speech, which means, as it always has done and always will do, freedom of speech for those whose speech we deplore even unto nausea and beyond—should accept an invitation to address any student club or organization in Britain. This seems to me to be an admirable proposal; of limited effectiveness, no doubt, but—if it should catch on—of considerable effectiveness within its limits. Like Mr Watkins, and indeed like almost all politicians, journalists of opinion and others who are, however advertisingly, in the public eye, I get scores of such invitations; like him, I wonder why students should be so anxious to hear my views on matters of moment, but it seems that they are. Well, like him I shall henceforth decline all such invitations automatically, and I have devised a form of words for my reply which Mr Watkins has also promised to use, and which runs (Hon Secs of student societies please note): "Thank you for your invitation. But while the National Union of Students takes upon itself to decide who shall, and who shall not, be accorded freedom of speech at universities, I do not wish to address its members."

This statement may be cited as the Watkins Declaration, and I do most warmly urge all those who receive student invitations to adopt it, or some form of it, and decline them all. No doubt some student bodies are opposed to the policy, as I imagine indeed, is the overwhelming majority of the members of the National Union of Students, whose views on the question were, naturally, not sought. Very well, then, let those who disagree rouse themselves and cleanse of the totalitarian stain the organization that claims to represent them.

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Understanding economic facts of human bondage

New York,

Was slavery really as bad as all that? That is the question that seems to be asked by a new and controversial book, *Time on the Cross*, which has just been published in the United States. It sets out to shake many long-standing assumptions about "the peculiar institution" in America.

The two authors, Professor Robert Fogel and Professor Stanley Engerman, do not just claim that slavery was an efficient and flourishing system right up to the beginning of the American Civil War in 1861. They add that the slaves were very much better treated than has been generally believed, and that in some ways things got worse for them after emancipation.

"The material (not psychological) conditions of the lives of slaves compared favourably with those of free industrial workers", they write. "This is not to say that they were good by modern standards. It merely emphasizes the hard lot of all workers, free of slave, during the first half of the nineteenth century.

"Slaves were exploited in the sense that part of the income which they produced was expropriated by their owners. However, the rate of expropriation was much lower than has generally been presumed. Over the course of his *lifetime, the typical slave field* hand received about 90 per cent of the income he produced."

The authors attack the notion that the average black slave was lazy, inept and unproductive. "On the average", they write, "he was harder working and more efficient than his white counterpart".

The book has already caused a stir in the United States, as well it might. It challenges many of the most widely held interpretations of slavery, including the views that it was an inefficient, declining system and that it had a completely demoralizing effect on the slaves and prevented them from being successful once they had been freed.

Its strength is that it is based on some of the most thorough



research that has ever been done into slavery. Professor Fogel and Professor Engerman belong to the school known as "econometric historians" or "cliometricians".

They have been accused of making themselves apologists for slavery. "The jolly institution" is the headline of one review. But they deny this strongly, and some of the strongest passages in their book are attacks on racialist attitudes, which were held, they consider, as much by the abolitionists as by the defenders of slavery.

"We have attacked the traditional interpretation of the economics of slavery", they write, "not in order to resurrect a defunct system, but in order to correct the perversion of the history of blacks—in order to strike down the view that black Americans were without culture, without achievement, and without development for the first 250 years on American soil".

This view, they argue, is itself the product of racialism. It ignores the fact that blacks were not just used for menial labour under slavery.

The authors have, in fact, some severe condemnations of the treatment of blacks after emancipation. Findings, they say, are still extremely tentative, but so far they suggest that the life expectation of blacks declined by 10 per cent between the period just before the civil war and the end of the century. Diet and health deteriorated, blacks were squeezed out of crafts, and the gap between black and white incomes widened.

The authors are well aware of the shortcomings of their method, and the fact that it only deals with averages, not with particular cases of hardship and brutality. But they argue that until now too much reliance has been placed on such individual cases and not enough on the general outlines of slavery.

It was not in the interest of the slaveholders to mistreat their slaves, valuable property as they were. The evidence shows that in general slaves were well fed, reasonably housed, well looked after when they were ill, and offered material incentives to work hard as well as being whipped when they misbehaved.

Peter Strafford

Why the Chinese place their trust in Dr Kissinger

Peking

The recent speculation about a deterioration in Chinese-American relations, though largely allayed, helps to draw attention to the peculiarly intangible nature of the relationship that has developed.

The rush of sentiment in America which accompanied the first steps towards improving relations with China reflected a century-old belief that America has had and ought to have again some kind of special intimacy with this country.

In fact whatever goodwill the Americans might have cultivated before the collapse of the Kuomintang was lost in the two decades during which their country was seen as the main external threat to China. The Chinese attitude towards the United States is now firmly realistic.

The demonstrative cordiality and the setting up of the present liaison missions was partly a sign of relief that the years of tense hostility were ending, and partly a reflection of the real personal link built up between the Chinese leaders and Dr Henry Kissinger.

However, as is reliably understood, there is a clear change in the nature of the exchanges which Dr Kissinger continues to have once or twice a year with the Chinese leaders. In the early stages they were concerned mainly with allaying fears and sorting out misunderstandings. It was necessary to convince the Chinese that the United States while not prepared to abandon its positions in Asia overnight, represented no military threat to China. On the contrary, better relations with the Americans could help to protect China from the Soviet attack which she feared, although there is no suggestion of an understanding about military support.

Indo-China, Taiwan and Korea are still the main contentious issues between China and the United States, and in each case the final outcome is clear enough: American withdrawal. Thus the relationship between the two countries has been primarily concerned with dismantling obstacles to understanding not with building up new understandings.

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Of course, trade has made record gains in the past two years and the first, hesitant and sometimes misguided steps have been made in cultural relations. But the real success of Dr Kissinger has been in giving both the Chinese and his own countrymen the chance to worry less about each other.

The Chinese leaders have ceased to regard Dr Kissinger as someone who can help to solve such problems as Indo-China and Taiwan, for they regard them as well on the way to being solved already.

While preserving an appreciative memory of Dr Kissinger's role in the negotiations which led to the so-called cease-fire in Vietnam, they no longer regard Vietnam as a major topic of discussion with the United States.

The same applies to Taiwan. The American Air Force units stationed there for use in the Vietnam war are being gradually withdrawn, and that will leave only a negligible American military presence on the island, which can be pulled out whenever the right political moment arrives. The United States has no need to incur charges of betrayal by promoting the isolation of the Taipei regime. That isolation is being inexorably carried out by other countries which realize that there is no longer much future in maintaining links with Taiwan at the expense of relations with Peking. Japan has taken a major step in stopping all governmental air traffic the island though trade continues and both sides are trying salvage some kind of relationship.

If Thailand and the Philippines open embassies in Peking as seems likely to happen the not far distant future the Taipei leaders will have think more carefully about working out a new relationship with the mainland.

Cambodia remains a problem and the Chinese still talk of the Phnom Penh government as a mere extension of American interests. But since they seem fairly confident of eventual victory for the other side, their longer view of Cambodian politics must be as much concerned with the danger of Soviet ambitions for more influence in Indochina as with the declining American role there. So what does this leave for them to talk to Dr Kissinger about?. The Chinese increasingly regard him as an informant on trends in world affairs which are too remote or complex for them to grasp quickly.

Although the Chinese have recently emphasized the Soviet threat to Europe as more immediate than any threat to themselves from that quarter Moscow's intentions remain an obsessive worry for them. For this reason, the trust which they apparently still have in Kissinger is of vital importance especially when he comes to them fresh from talks with Mr Brezhnev.

Peking does not yet seem to believe that the Americans are prepared to enter into secret agreements with the Russians to the detriment of Chinese security.

However, since so much of this continuing trust resides in the person of Dr Kissinger, it is quite uncertain how Chinese view of the Americans would develop if he left office. The Chinese continue to emphasize their view of the United States as an imperialist superpower with a built-in tendency to create conflicts, and they could easily revert to genuine hostility if they felt that their trust in American assurances had been misplaced.

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The Times Diary

Monty Python hunts the Holy Grail

The little village of Doune in Scotland, has been invaded by Monty Python people. They are making a film called *Monty Python and the Holy Grail.* According to a press release, the *Grail* will make *Ben Hur* look like an epic. My foot loose reporter, now at wild in the north, visited Doune Castle to look at the Pythons. He sent this report:

The fourteenth-century castle, which was the location for yesterday's shooting, was full of trendy movie makers—with clapperboards, arc lights and facetious prattle. The producer, an American called Mark Forstater, said that the *movie was subtitled:* "Where were you in 1282?" He said it was based on the King Arthur legend, and that a group of Python characters are told by God to search for the Holy Grail. God says: "Don't ask me where it is. I can't do everything." Forstater said that he might have to sue me if I described the film as blasphemous.

According to John Cleese, God is dealt with "quite nicely". I spoke to Cleese at lunchtime as he waited to be called on to the set to do his "Lancelot thing". He has a distant and magisterial manner, and said that he had taught for two years at a prep school in Weston super Mare. The school has now been bought to make way for a housing estate.

He said he had been rather a tough teacher. "They're little animals, those wretches of ten"; he said. Of the movie, he said: "It is the usual garrulous rubbish." And he added that making a movie was the most boring, tedious, uncomfortable and unprofitable business he knew. Such had been the lack of money on *The Grail* film, he said, that the crew and actors had been asked to double up in bedrooms. After a fight, however, they had been given their own rooms.

Extras from the village were at yesterday's shooting. One was a retired teacher, done up in a serf's outfit. He said he was paid £2 a day for his labour. "I'm doing it for a laugh, or a giggle as the young say these days." He was not fond of his outfit. "There are no soles on the shoes", he complained. "But then I don't suppose in medieval times they worried much about the comfort of the serfs."

Doune is an admirably Victorian village. A notice in a barber's shop window says: "Absence makes the hair grow longer."

Pen house

The Scottish Arts Council is to provide a rent-free cottage for writers. At present the cottage, near Glenrothes, north of Edinburgh, is being repaired and renovated. The council expect it to be ready by summer.

Trevor Royle, assistant director of the council, says that about 20 people have so far applied to use the house, which will be available to a writer and his family for a maximum of one year. The cottage is intended principally for Scottish writers, but, says Royle, writers from other countries—even England—will be considered.

To be eligible for the house the writer does not need to have had a book published. He must, however, satisfy the council that he is serious about writing.

The cottage itself is an old *stone building with a large* vegetable garden. At the moment it is a bit of a mess, and the windows have been boarded up against stones thrown by the local children. But it is clearly going to make a comfy retreat. The council will supply carpets, a cooker, a fridge and a few chairs and cables.

It might even install a television. Says Royle: "If the writer is a football supporter I think we would have to consider letting him have a television".

How outrageous was Michael Foot's attack on the "trigger-happy judicial finger" of Sir John Donaldson? It was, after all, Sir John himself who told the Westminster Chambers of Commerce (October 18, 1973): "... I think I can fairly claim that we have the fastest court in the West". And in November, 1972, he told the London Solicitors' Litigation Association: "... in circumstances of urgency we can become positively like James Bond".



For real

The British Real Tennis Open progress at the Queen's Club in Doubles championships are in London. They are promoted this year by the makers of Cutty Sark Scotch whisky, who believe in sponsoring activities which have received "minimal publicity and financial backing".

Real tennis was the sport of kings: it is supposed to have killed two of them, while Henry IV of France and Charles I of England are known to have risen at daybreak to get on with their games. Charles IX of France was his country's junior champion at the age of two, and Henry VIII was said to be "the prettiest sight in the world" playing the game, "his fair skin glowing through a shirt of the finest texture".

Present day players were wearing standard white shirts, and were sweating rather than glowing. The game is an energetic one, very confusing to the spectator because it is played in an asymmetrical court with two distinct ends ("service" and "hazard") and such weird features as a penthouse, a timbour, a grille and the dedans. The scores go as in lawn tennis, but include such obscure calls as "chase worse than four" and "better than door".

The game is played with 100 balls. The Queen's Club balls are stuffed with Crimean War tunics, and are re-covered in flannel each year. They are much harder than ordinary tennis balls, and novice spectators in the dedans flinch nervously as they smash noisily into the protective netting. One firm is reckoned still to be making 5,000 real tennis rackets a year, so while the sport is definitely a minority interest, it does not seem to be in any danger of extinction.

Solace

After months securing the obscurer parts of Europe for a suitable venue for the latest hearing in the controversial torture case between the Irish and British Governments, the European Commission of Human Rights finally plumped for Sola—a remote civil and military airfield on the south western tip of Norway. The setting would do credit to any product of the imagination of John Le Carré Ian Fleming.

For the 83,000 residents of t sleepy neighbouring port Stavanger ("the fish canni capital of the north"), the he ing and the obsessive secr surrounding it have presente security spectacle the like which they have not seen sir the German occupation.

With only seven hotels, t town—which has already fou itself on the fringes of the No Sea oil boom—is playing host two Government delegatio scores of accompanying me men and the unnamed pl clothes officers who pace t hotel lobbies showing studi concern for the sparse dec Always present is the threat an IRA reprisal, unheard before in a part of the wo where the police's main job this time of year is traditiona escorting the first family ducks from the harbour acr to their summer home on t local lake.

The only space the 11 stro Irish delegation was able to fi was in the St Svithun; an ho which they discovered to th horror is owned by a Norwegi Missionary Society, and con quently totally dry.

For diplomatic and oth reasons, representatives of t different sides work hard avoid each other at night aft the hearings have closed. T Commission's younger offici favour the Place Pigalle, Stavanger nightspot which do little to live up to its name. lunchtime, due to the Comm sion's low eating allowance, th are to be found with a bag shrimps at the local fishmark

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THE PENSIONS FOOTBALL

Mrs Barbara Castle has decided upon more radical changes in the previous Government's pension scheme than had been expected. The scheme was due to come into force next April and Mrs Castle had already made it known that she would make some adjustments immediately. But it was thought that these would be kept to a minimum and that Labour's more ambitious proposals would be unfurled in due course. It is still the intention to proceed in two stages, but Mrs Castle announced in the House of Commons this week that she would be scrapping the proposed state reserve scheme and therefore not insisting on those improvements in occupational schemes which would have been required to gain exemption from it. That leaves the basic pension, to be financed by earnings-related contributions, but the whole strategy of the Social Security Act is destroyed.

There are two objections to this course. The first is that it leaves the whole pension scene in confusion. It could be argued that it would have created even more chaos to allow the state reserve scheme to be implemented, which would in effect have necessitated changes in most occupational schemes, and then to have swept it away a year or so later in favour of completely different arrangements which might require a different set of changes in the occupational field. There is some force in that argument, but it ignores the political reality that this is a minority Government which cannot expect to remain in office for long without another election.

The Government's pension strategy seems to be taking that election for granted because the position will be positively absurd if the Conservatives win and wish, reasonably enough, to return to the system embodied in the Social Security Act. It takes time to change any pension scheme and even longer before most changes have a practical effect, so it is in everyone's interest to avoid constant alterations in national pensions in accordance with every shift in the political wind. That interest would have been better served by the Government confining themselves at this stage to those changes in the Act which any future administration should be prepared to accept. A better deal for women is an obvious example.

The second objection to the Government's decision is that it removes much of the pressure on occupational schemes to raise their standards. Mrs Castle told the Commons that she wanted "to make it plain that we are in favour of, and wish to encourage the development of, good occupational pension schemes which are highly valued by the people in them. It is not our purpose to place any obstacles in the path of such schemes". That is reassuring so far as it goes, though it will be necessary to see what role is left for the occupational sector in Labour's long-term proposals. But the trouble now is that many occupational schemes are not good ones, providing only minimal benefits for their members. The Social Security Act made an attempt to do something about that by setting standards which would have to be met if employers and employees were to be exempt from contributing to the state reserve scheme as well.

Now there is to be no state reserve scheme and therefore no conditions for exemption. Quite a number of occupational schemes have already changed their rules to meet those conditions, and these changes will no doubt stand, but many schemes have not yet got round to this and they will no longer be forced to do so. This means, for example, that the dependants of a number of people who die in the next year or so, who would otherwise have been covered, will now be left without protection. The Government will still insist upon the preservation of occupational pension rights for those moving from one employer to another; but critical though this question is, these provisions were one of the least satisfactory parts of the Act. Every government has the right to have its pension strategy judged by its long-term achievements more than by its interim decisions, but this Government's first move is to surrender ground which had been won in the long struggle to secure a decent pension for everyone in Britain.

AN END TO MR TRUDEAU'S GYMNASTICS

Mr David Lewis has finally kicked Mr Trudeau's chair from under him. He may regret being pushed into it. For nineteen months Mr Lewis has been the arbiter of Canadian federal politics. Mr Trudeau proposed, Mr Lewis disposed. He purloined the credit for the Liberals' successes and piled on the blame for everything that went wrong—notably inflation. He declared that but for the power of the New Democratic Party the country would never have got the important energy measures last December. Whether it was higher wages or satisfactory strike settlements, the NDP claimed that *the people owed* these to them alone. Mr Lewis has had the time of his political life. Only the elections will show if this is yet over.

Mr Trudeau may, for these reasons, be feeling some relief that the game is up. Keeping in power with a majority of two over his Progressive Conservative opponents, so that he was always dependent on the thirty-one New Democrats for his majority Social Credit with fifteen offered no alternative ally) has been a virtuoso performance. It seems to have made a better prime minister out of him. A practical and resourceful negotiator has emerged, his intellectual arrogance and temper (usually) curbed. The result has been a period of government far from barren of results. The oil price concordat between the western and eastern provinces is an example which eased dangerous strains on confederation. The country has progressed. As Mr John Turner, the Finance Minister, noted in his doomed budget speech, *the gross national* product grew in 1973 by over 7 per cent in real terms, employment by over 5 per cent.

The big increases in social welfare were largely necessary to ameliorate inflation and would mostly have been made without Mr Lewis's pressure—though he is certainly responsible for putting teeth into the weak Liberal legislation to control foreign investment and tax big business. But the bargains have not always been one-sided. The New Democrats, financially depleted after the last elections, were in no haste for another campaign, and they dislike the Progressive Conservatives even more than the Liberals. More vituperation has been exchanged between the two major oppositions than between the government benches and all three oppositions. Mr Trudeau has thus fended off repeated crises, and notably that caused last August by the nationwide rail strike.

Though the Liberal-NDP working arrangement has served the country fairly well under the overcast of political rancour, that rancour poisoned the atmosphere progressively. It was clear early this year that Mr Trudeau could not hope to repeat this summer his political gymnastics of last. The NDP now thinks it can pick up more seats on its claims to be *the real authors of the extra welfare*. The Conservatives think they will win so comfortably that Mr Lewis's sting will be drawn—though the polls do not yet predict this outcome. The Liberals are tired of their frustrations. For a long time the backbenchers have all been spoiling for a showdown.

The public may be less eager than the politicians for a clear-cut decision. As Mr Trudeau shrewdly noted in his broadcast on the dissolution, the electorate has shown itself partial to minority governments since the war. The most emotive issue is inflation, which in 1973 averaged 10 per cent and this February alone reached 1 per cent. But voters will be puzzled to decide who best can deal with it—Mr Stanfield, Mr Lewis, Mr Trudeau, or some (but what ?) combination of them.

THE POWER OF THE OIL WEAPON

Political power, said Mao, grows out of the barrel of a gun. Last year it seemed more likely to come out of a barrel of crude oil. Militarily, the Israelis with their guns, and their superior handling of them, won the battles in the Middle East. Politically, the Arabs with their oil won—or at least half won—the war. Interest at the time centred upon the battlefields and the duels which were being fought there between the tanks and the anti-tank missiles, the fighter-bombers and the guns. Now, not quite seven months after the October War ended, it is the oil weapon which is commanding most attention.

It is this, and the Arabs' successful use of it, which dominates the Strategic Survey for 1973 which is published by the International Institute for Strategic Studies today. For the first time a collection of largely non-industrial states had in their grasp a weapon capable of forcing a collection of rich, developed, industrial ones to their knees. No gun, unless it were *firing H-bombs*, could have done as much.

The last few years will not go unremembered by future diplomatic historians. Last year, however, if *one accepts the institute's assessments*, seems likely to outshine them all. Not the first agreement on Strategic Arms Limitation between the Soviet Union and the United States, not the enlargement of the European Community, not even the Sino-American rapprochement and President Nixon's subsequent visit to Peking—in the days when Watergate stood for nothing more than an hotel—could quite match the emergence of the oil weapon last year in terms of global significance. The change that was promised is seen as drastic—in some ways even by the standards of the two centuries since the Industrial Revolution.

The impact of the energy crisis was almost entirely predictable—as was the impact of new weapons on the battlefield. *The Israelis* knew that the Arabs possessed anti-tank missiles, but failed in their prewar studies to calculate their significance. For that matter the Western world in general, now that the first wave of instant analysis has subsided, has decided that the results of the Middle East War indicated what their computers and war-games had been saying for some time—on the subject of armoured warfare. But *nobody really trusted* the theory until they saw it translated into fact—and in the case of the Israelis it was by then too late, or almost too late.

So with the oil weapon. The United States must surely have appreciated the extent to which her European allies were dependent upon reasonable relations with the Arab countries with 80 per cent of their oil coming from the Middle East. Much of the strain imposed upon the North Atlantic Alliance could and should have been avoided—even after allowing for the fact that the crisis merely widened a rift which was already there.

It should have been the Year of Europe. It was demonstrably not. If 1973 belonged to anyone it belonged to the Arabs—which *probably surprised them as much* as anyone. Perhaps we had all taken the words of Chairman Mao too literally, and too much to heart. Yet guns still are important. More of them will be bought with the money from oil, and partly because of the tensions caused by the war there is less chance of new arms agreements between the United States and the Soviet Union.

The Welsh language

From Mr Dafydd Wigley, Plaid Cymru MP for Caernarvon

Sir, Mr Ian Gilmour contends (May 1) that "the Tories stand for the assertion of nation above party". What nation? Are there not more nations than one on this island? Are not Scotland and Wales nations? Every time politicians speak of England, Scotland and Wales as "the nation"—and this is a usual practice—they reveal an attitude to Scotland and Wales which goes to the root of the troubles of these two nations. A failure to acknowledge the fact of their nationhood is revealed.

If the nationhood of Scotland and Wales were unacknowledged only in the words used by politicians it would not matter much. But it goes very much deeper than this. Their words reflect an attitude which is found in their acts and policies. No British Government has ever tried to create the conditions in which Welsh nationhood and national way of life can thrive. On the contrary, acts of state policy have deliberately eroded the nation's culture and the language which is its main vehicle.

The Act of Union, 1536, which incorporated Wales in England, virtually proscribed the Welsh language, which it described as "a speech nothing like, nor consonant to the natural Mother tongue used within His realm" (of England). So the Welsh language, which for a thousand years had been the language of government and the law, was thrown out of the courts and official life in Wales.

The Education Act of 1870 completely excluded the Welsh language from the schools of Wales; children were punished for even talking to each other in Welsh on school premises. Currently television, which threatens to complete the destruction of the language, provides another example. Everyone knows that television has the power to save the language, but every month of the present lamentable situation erodes its position gravely.

If the Government had the will to act effectively to restore the Welsh language, it would years ago have ensured that one television channel is given to adequately financed Welsh language programmes. But successive governments, which could have allocated the idle fourth channel for the purpose, toy with the situation. If they willed the final destruction of the language and culture of Wales they would not act very differently. "The nation" they spend money on defending and strengthening is *certainly not Wales*.

The United Kingdom is not a nation: it is a state. It is not even a nation-state. It is a multi-national state which is governed as if it is a nation-state. The Scots National Party and Plaid Cymru *have risen* to redress this situation which has done such terrible injury to the lives of the Scots and Welsh nations. Our aim is to replace the present highly centralized, unitary, one-nation state order by a partnership of free and equal nations which are in no way subordinate to each other.

Yours, etc,
DAFYDD WIGLEY,
House of Commons.

Britain's defence spending

From Mr N. C. Sebag-Montefiore

Sir, In Tuesday's (May 7) *Times* Mr Frank Allaun asks why British defence spending is higher than that of our Nato partners and calls for savings of £1,000 million. Surely the major reason for Britain's higher expenditure is that we have no conscription and we could make large savings by reintroducing conscription and stopping pretending that soldiers need to be paid and their families housed on a civilian scale. This is the real solution adopted by most European countries and Mr Allaun should face up to it.

Yours faithfully,

N. C. SEBAG-MONTEFIORE,
Feeringbury Manor,
Feering, Colchester, Essex.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

The example set by Herr Brandt

From Professor Nevil Johnson

Sir, Herr Brandt, the West German Chancellor, has provided a signal example of what it means to accept political responsibility for the consequences of errors of judgment (a political, not a moral judgment in his case). I suggest that the maintenance of a tolerable degree of integrity in the public life of this country would be best served if certain politicians, instead of prolonging the agony of self-justification, now emulated his example.

Deeds would speak louder than self-righteous cant from all sides about how we deplore the peccadilloes which have occurred, but can, of course, see why this or that fallen angel might have a case for clinging to public office or his place in Parliament. If nothing happens, if, to twist a famous phrase, we borrow enough whitewash from the White House, then we had better not be surprised at a growing insensitivity to issues of moral and political principle in public life. Integrity cannot be maintained painlessly.

Yours faithfully,
N. JOHNSON,
Professorial Fellow,
Nuffield College.
Oxford.
May 7.

From Mr John Peel

Sir, In present circumstances, *The Times* leader of June 19, 1913, referring, I think, to the Marconi scandal, is probably worth reprinting. Here is an extract from it:—

"A man is not blamed for being splashed with mud. He is commiserated. But if he has stepped into a puddle which he might easily have avoided, we say that it is his own fault. If he protests that he did not know it was a puddle, we say that he ought to know better, but if he says that it was after all quite a clean puddle, then we *judge him deficient in the sense* of cleanliness. And the British public like their public men to have a very nice sense of cleanliness."

Yours faithfully,
JOHN PEEL,
38 Barleycroft Road,
Welwyn Garden City,
Hertfordshire.
May 7.

The press and libel

From Sir Robert McEwen and Mr Philip Lewis

Sir, The arguments presented on May 4 as a correct statement of the law by Mr Henry Cecil (surprisingly, since in his more strictly legal role as Judge Leon he is a member of the Faulks Committee on Defamation) have never appealed to any court in this country, although *admittedly they have never been* considered by the House of Lords, even at the instance of a journalist. Meanwhile, as the law was stated by Mr Justice Caneley in 1968, a newspaper has no general privilege of the kind suggested, unless it has a *duty* to communicate the matter to the public. (So, too, in Mr Cecil's comparison of the supposedly poisoning cook, any privilege would require to be founded on a *duty* to communicate.)

If a journalist could rely merely on his common *interest* with other citizens on public matters, he would, so long as he were honest, retain his *privilege however ignorant*, unreasonable, gullible or prejudiced he might be. Arguments for the existence of such a privilege have been rejected in the highest courts in New Zealand and Canada.

We suggest that it is at least partly because Mr Cecil is wrong in law that in England one can have reasonable confidence in the truth of what one reads in the newspapers about individual public figures, who can and do sue if they wish to challenge the truth of what is said.

The papers have, after all, a defence of fair comment, an important freedom strongly backed by the courts. To exercise this freedom successfully, they have to get their facts right.

Yours faithfully,
ROBERT McEWEN.
PHILIP LEWIS,
2 Hare Court,
Temple, EC4.

Prisoner in Greece

From Professor Sir Alfred Ayer and others

Sir, Under the Athens Treaty of 1961, Greece is to accede to full membership of the Common Market by 1984. *We should like to* urge Her Majesty's Government to oppose all measures that may further this end until a normal respect for individual rights and the rule of law in that country has been restored.

We write in particular with the fate in mind of Paul Georgiou, Professor of Mathematics in the University of Athens, who was arrested on January 22, deported to the island of Yaros and whose treatment, as well as that of his fellow-prisoners, is all too little known in England. According to reliable sources, no charges have been brought against Professor Georgiou and he had not been in any way politically active during the six months between his leaving the University of Tübingen, where he had held another teaching post in mathematics, and his arrest. His offence appears to be that he refused to denounce publicly students who asked him to join in a political discussion instead of giving his normal lecture, a request which, characteristically, he declined. It is also possible that he refused to give to the ESA (military police), by whom he was interrogated after this incident, the names of the students who had tried to launch the discussion. Those who know Georgiou well testify to his general disinclination to be involved in active politics, as well as to a temperamental aversion, which may explain his present plight, to denunciations of any kind.

It is our firm belief that a government which observes practices of this kind has no place in a civilized community of nations and we trust that Her Majesty's Government will conduct its relations with Athens with these facts well in view.

Yours sincerely,
A. J. AYER,
ANATOLE BECK,
HUGH THOMAS,
E. C. ZEEMAN,
May 2.

Mr Foot and the court

From Mr Richard Yorke, QC

Sir, The Secretary of State for Employment is reported to have accused Sir John Donaldson of having been "trigger-happy". As Mr Foot saw fit to abuse a judge who cannot defend himself perhaps a lawyer who had nothing whatever to do with the case may attempt to see fair play.

A judge swears on his appointment an oath to uphold the law without fear or favour. Sir John swore that oath. The law is the law as laid down by Parliament. Parliament passed the Industrial Relations Act. It remains the law until Parliament repeals it. A company and some individuals obtained judgments against a union which regards itself as above the law and declined to pay. Was Sir John to do nothing?

In fact, as Mr Foot well knows, Sir John at every stage gave the union opportunity after opportunity to avoid the inexorable consequences of defiance of the law. The union *rejected every one, even against Mr* Foot's own advice. Far from being "trigger-happy" an impartial observer would conclude that Sir John had shown patience beyond what the union's conduct invited.

Had Sir John been false to his oath where would it end? Once judges stand by and watch the law defied by the strong *with impunity then what* protection under the law do any of us have?

This is a grave constitutional issue, and if Mr Foot will not wholly withdraw his criticism then I suggest that the Attorney-General must publicly repudiate him, with that courage and independence which is the proud duty of his office.

If the Attorney-General does not do so, then we have his tacit consent to the Secretary of State, one of her Majesty's principal Ministers, advocating that judges should adjust their administration of the law to the political views of the Government of the day. Sir Edward Coke, Chief Justice, fought that battle at the risk of his neck against King James. Is the principle he won now to be surrendered?

I have the honour to be Sir, your obedient servant,
RICHARD YORKE.
Gray's Inn Chambers,
Gray's Inn, WC1.
May 8.

From Mr A. T. Moffat

Sir, Mr Ian Gilmour, in a recent article in your columns, shows himself to be completely out of touch with grass-roots opinion, in the Conservative Party and in the country, in regard to the trades unions.

The latest manifestation by Mr Scanlon's AUEW, of power without responsibility, is seen by the large majority of the British public not as Mr Gilmour suggests, as a reason for giving way to the unions but, on the contrary, *as necessitating an early* renewal of the battle to bring them within the rule of law.

It is but a short step from the present use of industrial action against a Court of Law to industrial action against the assumption of power by a democratically elected Government with whose politics they did not agree.

Clearly, if Mr Scanlon and his union are allowed to disrupt the economy by industrial action in order to demonstrate their dislike of and contempt for a Court of Law, then we must expect similar action if, as is likely, a Conservative Government *is returned at the next election. Such* an action could only lead to the complete breakdown of our democratic way of life, as is clearly Mr Scanlon's intention.

The unions are now making it painfully evident that they intend to govern—and that if they do not, no one else will. Such a challenge cannot go unanswered.

Yours faithfully,
A. T. MOFFAT.
Devon Chambers.
Union Street,
Newton Abbot.
Devon.
May 8.

From Mr R. S. Harman

Sir, In a recent radio interview Mr Hugh Scanlon, seeking to justify his union's use of industrial power to challenge the rule of law said that the trade union movement owed its present position to past defiance of *the law*.

His statement may be true, yet, is surely both misleading and dangerous; misleading in equating a law made by a privileged minority with one enacted by our present parliamentary democratic process; dangerous in its encouragement of that challenge to the economic and social order to which your leading article rightly calls our attention today.

Yours faithfully,
R. S. HARMAN,
4 Styles Way,
Beckenham, Kent.

Return to gold standard

From Professor H. S. Ferns

Sir, It is a characteristic of monetary theorists, whether advocates of metallic standards, paper money or the more sophisticated management *of the volume of currency and credit*, to believe that their particular prescription will solve all problems. Mr C. C. Smith has done well to call our attention to the historical evidence of the insufficiency of monetary panaceas.

It does not, however, follow that money is not a matter of consequence. Money is one of man's oldest social inventions, and one of the most important agencies of social cooperation and interdependence. In order to fulfil its function as a means of exchange, a measure of value and a store of purchasing power, the quantity of money in an *economic system, or universally*, must be controlled in some way or other. Money in its various forms is still serving its purpose as a means of exchange, but its utility as a standard of value and a store of purchasing power is diminishing.

People more and more are turning to hedges against inflation such as gold, silver, precious stones, works of art, land and forms of property having a long life of usefulness. Much social injustice flows from the breakdown of confidence in money. Those with large surpluses of purchasing power are able to make the switch from money to *gold, land, etc, whereas those* who have small incomes or small surpluses are not readily able to do so. Even more important than the social injustice involved in inflation is the effect upon investment and production. Stored purchasing power in the form of gold, works of art, land, etc, is idle and unproductive.

The form of money does not matter as much as its quantity, and the *only merit of gold* is its relative immunity from the mismanagement of governments. Gold is becoming once more an informal standard of value and store of purchasing power because the control of the quantity of money by governments almost everywhere has broken down under the pressure of huge politically motivated expenditures.

Yours, etc,
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From Mrs T. H. Graves

Sir, Perhaps your correspondents on the gold standard would care to consider a different aspect of the matter.

Gold in the physical world has been used over the centuries as an analogy for the unchanging ultimate power in the spiritual.

Could it be our love of expediency rather than truth which has made us forsake the gold standard?

Yours faithfully,
JENNY GRAVES,
203 Stanley Road,
Twickenham,
Middlesex.
May 5.

Subsidies for the arts

From Mr William Poeton

Sir, As an industrialist who has been closely concerned with the performing arts since the formation of the Arts Council, I would like to support those of your correspondents who advocate a steady and unimpeded increase in grants to the Arts Council, even in these times of traumatic economic crisis.

The salient feature of the Arts Council grant system from the point of view of business credibility is the way in which it actually receives and distributes its Treasury grant in direct proportion to the needs of its organizations. This is in contrast to the normal Treasury system, both wasteful and inflationary, whereby so many of our industrial and social institutions are forced to dispose of their budgeted funds on the inflexible basis that moneys not spent cannot be carried forward from one accounting period to the next.

Reform is long overdue. The Treasury should emulate in other spheres the grant aid method it employs for the Arts Council. This would dramatically improve the management of taxpayers' money, and in view of the magnitude of the Government's financial involvement in industry, perhaps it would prove to be the economic miracle essential *to our country's survival*.

Yours faithfully,
WILLIAM POETON, Chairman,
Everyman Theatre Co. Ltd.,
Cheltenham,
President, Bristol Arts Centre.
Chalfont House,
The Park, Cheltenham.
May 4.

Medical education

From Professor Charles Wells

Sir, May I select from the letter (April 20) from Dr Hunter, who is so *well qualified to write* on medical education, one particular suggestion: namely that students should have "some kind of clinical work introduced into the *early stages* (my italics) of the course". This would, as he says, bring informed appreciation into their pre-clinical studies. It would *also go some way towards* satisfying the burning desire of every medical student to see something of medical practice and to have actual personal contact with patients. Unfortunately, this latter objective is something that no sort of formal instruction can ever achieve. And nothing so intimate and personal will ever be provided at this stage of the course on a staff/student basis for obvious reasons.

I have tried in many countries (unsuccessfully I fear) to persuade medical schools to allocate, from day one, each new student to a student in his clinical years. Some part of, say, a half day per week should then be allowed for them to be together when the more senior is interviewing patients and writing up his case reports. The senior would teach, the junior would learn and both would have the opportunity of sharing an *invaluable experience*. Perhaps some enterprising Dean will be tempted.

Yours sincerely,
CHARLES WELLS,
The Gap,
The King's Gap,
Hoylake, Wirral,
Cheshire.

Limestone walls

From Air Vice-Marshal H. G. Leonard-Williams

Sir, Dr R. D. Reid of Wells (May 6) got the wrong culprit when he attacked Somerset County Council for knocking down half a mile of stone wall at Burnt Wood (not Burnt House) in Somerset and replacing it with concrete posts and wire. The county council has nothing to do with that work.

We build many lengths of stone walling in keeping with their surroundings in the course of a year. When we have to use wood or concrete posts and wire fencing it is usually for a number of inescapable reasons, including cost, owner's preference and the vital need at accident blackspots for motorists to see through the fence to the stretch of road beyond it.

Yours faithfully,
H. G. LEONARD-WILLIAMS.
Chairman,
Planning and Transportation Committee, Somerset County Council.
County Hall,
Taunton,
Somerset.
May 7.

Case for keeping the CIR

From Professor B. C. Roberts

Sir, I have yet to meet anyone even within the trade unions, or Labour Party, who can give me a good reason for closing down the Commission for Industrial Relations. This decision seems to be based upon little more than political animus against the Commissioners *for carrying out their duties under* the Industrial Relations Act. It is a decision, as Eric Wigham points out in his article today (May 7), which is surely contrary to the long term interest of the whole nation in a stable and effective system of industrial relations.

The Secretary of State will, I hope, forgive me for reminding him of Aneurin Bevan's warning to the Labour Party of the danger of making major decisions based upon an "emotional spasm". To dismantle an organization which has discharged its function exactly as envisaged by the Donovan Commission and by the Labour Government, which set it up, with considerable success, would seem to require stronger justification than has so far been given.

The establishment of an independent Conciliation and Arbitration Service, which Michael Shanks and I first advocated as a desirable development in a book published 12 years ago, is not an alternative to the CIR. The roles of these two organizations ought to be kept quite separate. One has the function of assisting with the development of better long term procedural arrangements, the other will be mainly concerned with short term *conflicts* over substantive issues. Fusing these roles together may limit the effectiveness of both organizations.

As Eric Wigham points out, a consequence of this unfortunate decision will be to destroy the experience of the past five years *and to scatter a knowledgable and* dedicated staff whose expertise should not be wilfully squandered.

I feel sure that if the Secretary of State were to change his decision to abolish the CIR it would receive widespread support from all sections of industry.

Yours faithfully,
B. C. ROBERTS, Professor of Industrial Relations,
London School of Economics and Political Science.
Houghton Street, WC2.
May 7.

The Tate collection

From Sir John Rothenstein

Sir, I should be obliged if you would allow me a brief comment on a statement in Mr Overy's friendly review of my *Modern* [illegible] in your issue of May 2, namely that my "enthusiasm for English art at the expense of much of the most important European work was reflected in the purchases made under [my] directorship" [of the Tate]. If "acquisitions" be substituted for "purchases"— the annual purchase grant being £350 at the time of my appointment and for some years afterwards—the position is rather different from that which he suggests.

We acquired seven Picassos, including "Femme Nue Assise" (which Picasso told me he considered his best cubist painting) besides scores of works by other European artists, to name, *at random*, Degas, Rodin, Renoir, Sisley, Cézanne, Lautrec, Vuillard, Rouault, Maillol, Munch, Léger, Braque, Brancusi, Utrillo, Kandinsky, Klee, Ernst, Mondrian, Kokoschka, Gris, Chagall, Manzù and Giacometti. Many were represented in a British public collection for the first time.

In my writing I have indeed concentrated on modern British artists when I began to work on them they were—and mostly still are—underestimated and they attracted very little writing, good or bad

Yours, etc
JOHN ROTHENSTEIN,
Beauforest House,
Newington,
Dorchester-on-Thames,
Oxford.
May 6.

Parlez vous Franglais ?

From Mr William Pickles

Sir, May I call attention to a point that is certainly of interest to linguists and may also interest political scientists? With the rise of the popularity of football in France, the English word "score" became a common part of French sporting vocabulary. Soon after, it passed into the vocabulary of politics to describe what in English, until about a fortnight ago, was the "vote" or "poll" of a political candidate. In the past fortnight, all the British correspondents in Paris, who take to the English half of *franglais* as ducks do to water (with many consequent failures of communication), have written of the "scores" of the French Presidential candidates, and your second leader today uses "scored" as a verb in the same context.

All this is an example of what Michel Bréal, inventor of the study now widely known as "semantics" called "loss of differentiation of meaning". Such losses are always regrettable. ("Hopefully", for *haffentlich*, another recent invasion which you too have embraced, is even more dangerously destructive of understanding.) But these things happen and when they can be caught on the wing they are worth recording. OED please note.

Yours faithfully,
WILLIAM PICKLES,
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Aldwych, WC2.
May 7.

Bannister's feat

From Mr Michael Flanders

Sir, Happily Dr Roger Bannister's reputation rests securely on his personal qualities and a distinguished career. Otherwise he will surely not long remain memorable as the first to run 1,609m in less than 240 seconds?

Yours, etc,
MICHAEL FLANDERS,
63 Esmond Road,
Bedford Park, W4.
May 7.

COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE

May 9: The Lord Trevelyan had the honour of being received by The Queen this morning when Her Majesty invested him with the Insignia of a Knight Companion of the Most Noble Order of the Garter.

Mr W. R. Haydon was received in audience by The Queen upon his appointment as British High Commissioner in Malta.

Mrs Haydon had the honour of being received by Her Majesty.

The Marquess of Abergavenny had the honour of being received by The Queen when Her Majesty conferred upon him the honour of Knighthood and invested him with the Insignia of a Knight Companion of the Most Noble Order of the Garter.

The Prince of Wales this evening attended the Annual Dinner of the Chief Constables' Club at the Savoy Hotel.

The Princess Anne, Mrs Mark Phillips and Captain Mark Phillips were present at the Premiere of the film *Dead Cert* at the London Pavilion in aid of the Riding for the Disabled Association and the Injured Jockeys' Fund.

Miss Rowena Brassey was in attendance.

CLARENCE HOUSE

May 9: Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother this morning visited the Churchill Centenary Trust Exhibition at Somerset House.

Ruth, Lady Fermoy and Sir Martin Gilliat were in attendance.

YORK HOUSE
ST. JAMES'S PALACE

May 9: The Duke of Kent today visited the Plessey Company's Allen Clark Research Centre at Caswell, near Towcester.

His Royal Highness, who travelled in an aircraft of The Queen's Flight, was attended by Lieutenant-Commander Richard Buckley, RN.

Princess Richard of Gloucester will visit the Royal Alexander and Albert School, at Gatton Park, Reigate, Surrey, on June 24.

The Duchess of Kent will visit Cranbrook School in its 400th anniversary year and will open the new sixth form block on May 20.

JANET BAKER



This celebrated lieder and opera singer speaks about the Musicians' Benevolent Fund.

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Miniatures bought: The Victoria and Albert Museum yesterday announced the acquisition of five portrait miniatures by Nicholas Hilliard from Lord Radnor. They are (above, left to right) one of the finest of all portraits of Queen Elizabeth I and pictures of three unknown men and one unknown woman, all dating from about 1585-90. The purchase has not only exhausted the museum's purchase grant for the current year—only six weeks old—but has put it in the red with a £16,210 advance on its 1975-76 grant. Dr Roy Strong, director of the museum since January, said yesterday that they comprised the most distinguished group of Elizabethan miniatures left in private hands. They have already been on loan to the Victoria and Albert for five years. They were bought by the second Lord Radnor in 1796. Their condition is exceptional, because they have been kept in their original ivory boxes with fitting lids since Elizabethan times. The purchase was negotiated through Christie's. The actual sale price has not been revealed but a special government grant of £32,420 was made which was supplemented from the museum's current moneys and an advance on next year's revenue. Dr Strong emphasized that he could not conceive how the museum was to "soldier through the next 11 months with nothing in its coffers and the threat of new tax laws liable to flood the market with great works of art". With a purchase grant of £139,000 the museum has succeeded in spending over £300,000 since Dr Strong took charge. Purchases have included the Lomellini ewer and dish, the Spencer House table, a Jacobean mermaid ewer and a mid-seventeenth-century lacquered harpsichord, as well as the Radnor miniatures. They were all items of outstanding merit which had to be bought, Dr Strong said.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr B. M. Garnell and Lady Caroline Bridgeman
The engagement is announced between Brian Martin, only son of Mr and Mrs H. J. Garnell, of Woodhay, Manuden, near Bishop's Stortford, Hertfordshire, and Lady Caroline Bridgeman, younger daughter of the Earl and Countess of Bradford, of Weston Park, Shifnal, Shropshire.

Mr W. M. Aldridge and Miss C. G. D. Perrins
The engagement is announced between Mark, younger son of the late Dr A. G. V. Aldridge and of Mrs Aldridge, of 5 Britannia Square, Worcester, and Gail, daughter of the late Captain A. M. D. Perrins and of Mrs Maurice Jewell, of The Hyde, Upton-upon-Severn, Worcestershire.

Mr P. C. Beloe and Miss C. A. E. Miles
The engagement is announced between Peter Charles, son of Mr W. G. Beloe and the late Mrs W. G. Beloe, of Clifton, Bristol, and Catherine Anne Elizabeth, daughter of Sir William and Lady Miles, of Walton-in-Gordano, near Clevedon, Somerset.

Mr P. G. Burley and Miss C. E. S. Komaromy
The engagement is announced between Philip George, son of Mr Victor Burley, and Christine Elizabeth Suzanne, only daughter of Mr Istvan Komaromy, both of Croydon.

Major E. P. T. Cookson and Miss G. D. Carter
The engagement is announced between Major Edmund Cookson, Royal Artillery, of Shoeburyness, youngest son of the late Dr and Mrs R. G. Cookson, of Clifton, Bristol, and Georgina, second daughter of Lieutenant-Colonel and Mrs Dae Carter, of Thorpe Bay, Essex.

Mr I. G. Fletcher and Miss W. A. V. Titman
The engagement is announced between Ian Gordon, son of Dr R. T. Fletcher, MBE, and Mrs Fletcher, of 3 Thornwood Close, Lytham St Anne's, Lancashire, and Wendy Ann Vyvyan, daughter of Mr and Mrs C. S. Titman, of Sage Green, Polebrook, Northamptonshire.

Mr R. N. Hawkins and Miss M. J. Reid
The engagement is announced between Richard, eldest son of the late Mr P. C. A. Hawkins and of Mrs Pemberton, of Kensington, and Margaret, elder daughter of the late Judge J. A. Reid and of Mrs Reid, of Fetcham, Surrey.

Mr C. B. Hill and Miss A. F. Barman
The engagement is announced between Clive, son of Mr and Mrs Douglas Hill, of Laxey Road, Edgbaston, Birmingham, and Anthea, daughter of Mr and Mrs Benjamin Barman, of Court Oak Road, Harborne, Birmingham.

Mr J. F. H. Hinton and Mrs D. L. W. Simpson
The marriage will take place on May 18 at St Mark's Church, Darling Point, New South Wales, Australia, between Jack Frederick Hamilton Hinton, of Farnham Manor, Farnham, Saxmundham, East Suffolk, and Diana Louise Wilkins Simpson, of 3/13 Manning Road, Double, Sydney, Australia.

Birthdays today

Sir John Ainley, 68; Lady Allen of Hurtwood, 77; Rabbi Sir Israel Brodie, 79; Mr John Carter, 69; Mr Anthony Chenevix-Trench, 55; Lord Collison, 63; Lord Justice Davies, 73; Sir Henry Hinchliffe, 81; Sir Roger Jackling, 61; Sir Ewart Levy, 77; Sir William Lithgow, 40; Mr D. A. Orr, 52; Sir Richard Pilkington, 66; Duke of Sutherland, 39; Vice-Admiral Sir Geoffrey Thistleton-Smith, 69; Brigadier Dame Margot Turner, 64.

Christening

The infant daughter of the Earl and Countess of Radnor was christened Frances by the Rev C. Y. Pooley at St Mary's, Alderbury, Wiltshire, last Saturday. The godparents are Mr Edward Pleydell-Bouverie, The Countess of Pembroke, Lady Adeane, and Miss Harriet Petherick.

Lord Marples

The life peerage conferred on Mr A. E. Marples has been gazetted by the name, style and title of Baron Marples, of Wallasey in the county of Merseyside.

Marriages

Captain N. M. L. Barne and the Hon Janet Maclean
The Duchess of Gloucester and Prince Richard of Gloucester were present at the marriage yesterday in the Guards Chapel, Wellington Barracks, of Captain Nicholas Barne, Scots Guards, youngest son of Lieutenant-Colonel M. E. St J. Barne, of Sotterley Hall, Beccles, Suffolk, and of Mrs A. J. O. Maxtone Graham, of Aberlady Mains House, Aberlady, East Lothian, and the Hon Janet Maclean, daughter of Lord and Lady Maclean, of Duart Castle, Isle of Mull, Argyll. Canon James Mansel officiated, assisted by the Rev F. W. H. White.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, was attended by Emma Maclean, Julia Norrie, Annellese Arthur, Dominic Gold, William Montgomerie, Henry Hamilton Russell and Miss Mary Lloyd. Major J. L. Seddon-Brown, Scots Guards, was best man.

A reception was held at St James's Palace.

Mr R. J. B. Gentry and Miss E. A. Blunt
The marriage took place on May 9, in the Henry VII Chapel, Westminster Abbey, between Mr Richard Gentry, son of Mr and Mrs V. P. Gentry, of Rosmore, Surrey, and Miss Elizabeth Angela Blunt, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Charles Blunt, of Elwyn House, March, Cambridgeshire. The Archdeacon of Westminster officiated, assisted by the Rev William Leah.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, was attended by Nicholas Grounds, Nina and Toby Colls and Helen Carter. Mr Hilary Nott-Bower was best man.

A reception was held at Goldsmiths' Hall and the honeymoon is being spent abroad.

Healthy bidding at silver sale with £10,000 paid for tankard of about 1620

By Geraldine Norman
Sale Room Correspondent

A sale of silver at Sotheby's yesterday brought brought healthy bidding, with the main piece, an Augsburg tankard shaped as the bulging face of a bearded man, selling for £10,000 (L. Grinberg). The tankard dates from about 1620 and is parcel-gilt; a few similar examples are known.

A George II pierced oval cake basket brought a high price at £5,500 (T. Lumley). It has a coat of arms within a baroque cartouche in the centre of the base, dates from 1737, weighs 60oz and is the work of Thomas Farren.

The sale also included a rare Queen Anne Irish hot-milk jug in a squat circular design with fluted panels. It was made in Dublin between 1704 and 1716 and weighs 16oz. The price was £2,800 (S. J. Phillips). A pair of William III table candlesticks (29oz) made £3,800 (Spink) and a seventeenth-century Dutch tapering cylindrical beaker, elaborately engraved in commemoration of the Anglo-Dutch war of 1652-54, made £3,200 (S. J. Phillips). A set of four small George I candlesticks (38oz) made the same price. The sale totalled £177,095.

Sotheby's Belgravia held a sale of pot-lids, Staffordshire figures and Goss wares which recorded only £7,832 but still brought some very high prices.

Gross wares especially the souvenir cottages, seem set for a collecting craze. Sotheby's have been selling Goss for only nine months. In successive sales a rare Goss brickwork oven brought £90, £110 and £230 (yesterday). Four items brought more than £200 yesterday.

Commemorative pottery was also in high demand, with prices roughly double expectations. A mug commemorating Queen Victoria's marriage brought £105.

At Christie's, fine English furniture made £90,876. The top price was £6,825 (Phillips and Harris) for a Chinese coromandel lacquer twelve-leaf screen of the early eighteenth century.

Christie's sale of modern British paintings made £12,278.

Black festival of arts announced

Cultural projects in centres such as Liverpool, Birmingham, Leeds, Manchester and Nottingham, aimed at encouraging talent among the black community; and the selection therefrom of 100 artists to take part in an international black and African festival of arts and culture in Lagos, Nigeria, next year have been announced in London.

So far 70 countries have said they will participate in the festival.

Luncheons

Lord Balfour of Inchrye
Lord Balfour of Inchrye gave a lunch yesterday in the House of Lords in honour of Sir Thomas Sopwith. Among the guests were: Lady Sopwith, Lady Balfour of Inchrye, Earl Amherst, Earl of Kinnoull, Viscount Bledisloe, QC, Viscount Dilhorne, Viscount Ward of Witley, Lord Beaulick, Lord Boyd-Carpenter, Lord Willoughby de Broke, Lord Hailsham of St Marylebone, Lord Harvey of Prestbury, Lord Rhodes, the Hon Martin Eden-on, Marshal of the RAF Sir Arthur Harris, Air Chief Marshal Sir Christopher Courtney, Sir Keith Granville, Sir John Lidbury and Group Captain Douglas Bader.

Mrs Takeo Miki
The Deputy Prime Minister of Japan and Mrs Takeo Miki gave a luncheon party yesterday in honour of the Secretary of State for the Environment and Mrs Anthony Crosland at 23 Kensington Palace Gardens. Among those present were:
The Ambassador for Japan and Mme Mori, Lord and Lady Garnett-Orby, Lord Goronwy-Roberts, Lord Thomson of Fleet, Mr Geoffrey Rippon, QC, MP, and Mrs Rippon, Sir James and Lady Teviot, Sir John and Lady Pilcher, Mr and Mrs W. Burns, Mr J. A. Jukes, Mr and Mrs A. J. Fairclough, Mr and Mrs K. M. Wilford, Mr and Mrs Richard Evans, Mr and Mrs Kelso Fleshel, Mr Julian Ridsdale, MP, and Mrs Ridsdale, Mr and Mrs John Cooper, Mr K. Kido, Mr and Mrs T. Nakajima, Mr and Mrs N. Nakatura and Mr and Mrs N. Hyodo.

Royal College of Surgeons of England
Mr Rodney Smith, President of the Royal College of Surgeons of England, accompanied by Mrs Rodney Smith and members of the council, yesterday entertained at luncheon at the college members of the Court of Patrons. Those present included:
Professor Sir Hedley Atkins, Mr Norman R. Barrett, Lord Brock, Sir Miles Clifford, Mr Robert V. Cooke, Professor A. L'Estrange, Mr R. H. Franklin, Mr Richard S. Handley, Mr and Mrs Howard G. Hanley, Mr Philip Henman, Sir Harry Jephcott, Mr H. J. Joel, Lord Kindersley, Sir Cyril Kleinwort, Mr Walpole S. Lewis, Sir John McMichael, Sir Harry Platt, Lord Porritt, Mr George Orton, Professor A. J. Harding Rains, Mr Ronald W. Raven, Sir James Paterson Ross, Mr and Mrs W. A. Shapland, Professor Geoffrey L. Slack, Mr Selwyn Taylor and Sir Cecil Wakeley.

Service luncheon

Blake Term, RNC Osborne, May 1908
At a luncheon of the Blake Term RNC Osborne, May 1908, at the Naval and Military Club yesterday, the following were present:
Admiral Sir Henry McCall, Admiral Sir Geoffrey Hawkins, Captain G. A. M. Pant, Commander Sir John Best-Shaw, Commander R. A. Fletcher, Commander A. D. S. Grant and Commander R. F. Martin.

Receptions

Mrs N. C. Seeney
The acting Agent General for Queensland and Mrs N. C. Seeney held a reception at Queensland House yesterday evening in honour of the Queensland Minister for Education and Cultural Activities and Lady Fletcher, who are on a short visit to London.

Middle East Association
Sir Richard Beaumont, Director General, Middle East Association, was host last night at a reception held at Bury House in honour of Sayyid Hohd Abdel Karim Abbas. The Sudanese Ambassador was among those present.

Dinners

Saints and Sinners Club
The Saints and Sinners Club of London held their annual dinner at the Dorchester hotel last night. Mr Robert F. Butlin was in the chair and the other speakers were Lord Justice Lawton, Canon S. H. Evans, Mr T. Humphrey Tilling and Mr Alfred Francis. Among those present were:
Viscount Hall, Viscount Sims, Lord Cecil Douglas, Lord Hirshfield, the Hon David Montagu, Sir Eric Yarrow, Sir Stephen McAdden, MP, Sir Michael Cary, Sir Edwin McAlpine, Sir Richard Thompson, Rear-Admiral Sir Anthony Miers, VC, Lieutenant-General Sir Denis O'Connor, Sir Gordon Newton, Sir Richard Way, Sir William Butlin, Sir Emile Littler and Sir Charles Wheeler.

Royal College of Physicians
The President, Sir Cyril Clarke, Lady Clarke and Fellows of the Royal College of Physicians held a dinner yesterday to entertain the President, Dr K. J. R. Wightman, Mrs Wightman and Fellows of the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada.

Tallow Chandlers' Company
Sir Gilbert Inglefield, as *locum tenens* for the Lord Mayor, with the Sheriffs, was entertained last night by the Tallow Chandlers' Company at a livery dinner at their Hall. The Master, Mr John H. C. Davy, presided. Among those present were:
The High Commissioner for Australia, the Master of the Grocers' Company, who responded to the toast of the guests, the Prime Warden of the Dyers' Company, the Master of the Barbers' Company and the President of the Federation of Oils, Seeds and Fats Associations.

Service Dinners

Blake Term RNC Osborne, May, 1904
The following officers met at dinner last night at the Nuffield US Officers' Club, Portsmouth, to celebrate the seventieth anniversary of their entry into the Royal Navy:
Air Vice-Marshal Sir Geoffrey Bromet, Captains Douglas Lang and Geoffrey Oxen and Commanders Gordon Rudyard-Helpman and Ralph Bandcock.

Military Intelligence Directorate (1939-1945)
The annual reunion dinner of the Military Intelligence Directorate (1939-1945) Dining Club was held last night at the Army and Navy Club, Pall Mall. Lieutenant-Colonel R. R. M. Perceval presided, and Lieutenant-General Sir David Willison was the guest of honour.

43rd/52nd Dinner Club
The annual dinner of the 43rd and 52nd Dinner Club took place last night in Quaglino's ballroom. General Sir Antony Read presided.

Memorial services

Sir Ronald Russell
The Speaker was represented by Mr George Thomas, MP, Chairman of Ways and Means, at a memorial service for Sir Ronald Russell held yesterday at St Margaret's, Westminster. Canon David Edwards officiated, and the Earl of Lauderdale gave an address. Among those present were:
Lady Russell (widow), Mr Charles and Countess Mc Russell (son and daughter-in-law), Dr and Mrs E. Russell-Hutt (son-in-law and daughter), Mrs M. W. Macmillan.

The Agent General for British Columbia, the Agent General for Tasmania, the acting Agent General for Western Australia, Mr D. Blake (representing the Agent General for Queensland), the Countess of Lauderdale, Lord Harvey of Prestbury, Lord Nugent of Guildford, Lord Brooke of Cumnor, Lord and Lady Grantchester, Lord Reigate, Lord Crook (president, Association of Optical Practitioners) and Mr R. Hichton (representing the chairman and secretary).

Mr Edward du Cann, MP (chairman, 1922 Committee) and Mr Bryant Godman Irvine, MP (hon treasurer); Mr Sydney Irving, MP, the Hon Richard Wood, MP, Mr Humphrey Atkins, MP (Opposition Chief Whip) and Mrs Atkins, Sir Marcus Worsley, MP, the Hon Charles Mayhew, MP, Sir John Tilney, Sir John and Lady Hall, Sir Gilbert Rennie, Sir Eric Bullus, Sir Nigel Fisher, MP, Sir Charles Taylor, Mr William Clark, MP, and Mrs Clark, Mr Philip Goodhart, MP, Mr Michael Clark, Hutchison, MP, Mr John Biggs-Davison, MP (Monday Club), Mr A. F. Cocadin, MP, Mr Tom Boardman, MP, and Mrs Boardman, Mr Oscar Murton, MP (deputy chairman, Ways and Means), Admiral M. L. Morgan-Giles, MP.

Dr R. Bennett, MP, Mr David Lane, MP, Mr Toby Jessel, MP, Mr John Stokes, MP, Mr Carol Mather, MP, and the Hon Mrs Mather, Mr N. Marten, MP, Mr W. Clegg, MP, Mr K. Lewis, MP, Mr Evelyn Kilm, MP, and Mrs Kilm, Mr Jasper More, MP, Mr H. Gurden, MP, the Mayor and Mayoress of Brent, Mrs N. Talmage (chairman, Brent North Conservative Association), Mr H. J. Hirt (Wembley Royal British Legion), Major J. B. Robertson (RSPCA), Mr K. Sutton (Wembley Stadium), Mr Peter Golds.

Dr Bauwens
A memorial service for Dr Philippe Bauwens was held yesterday in St Thomas' Hospital Chapel. The Rev K. R. Fleming officiated. Dr D. A. H. Yates read the lesson. Among those present were:
M Raymond Bauwens (brother), Mme Van Den Daelen (sister), Mrs J. P. Duquesne, Mrs M. Barthels, Dr H. J. Anderson; Sir John Richardson, Lady Roberts-Wray, Dr D. R. L. Scaton (President, British Association for Rheumatology and Rehabilitation), Mr J. Wyn Owen, Mr P. Murdoch, Miss P. W. Thomas (Chartered Society of Physiotherapy), Miss P. A. Downie (Mobile Physiotherapy Association), Miss U. J. Yidler, Miss M. Elridge, Miss S. M. MacCormack, Dr J. A. Manbers, Dr D. A. H. Yates, Miss M. Laurence, Dr and Mrs F. Bach, and many medical colleagues, physiotherapists and nurses.

Westminster Abbey

Archdeacon Edward Carpenter will be installed as Dean of Westminster in Westminster Abbey at 3.30 pm on Thursday, May 23. Seats will be reserved for official representatives, personal friends of the Dean and members of the "Abbey Family" to whom tickets will be issued by the Registrar, The Chapter Office, 21 Dean's Yard, London SW1P 3PA.

No tickets will be required by members of the general public, who are welcome to attend and for whom seats will be available in the Nave.

Princess Alexandra, as patron of the 1974 Salisbury Festival of the Arts, will be present at Wilton House for a performance by Alan Bennett of excerpts from *Francis Kilvert's Diary* on July 14.

Swiss pair lead in bridge Olympiad

From a Bridge Correspondent
Las Palmas, May 9

The Americans who dominated the mixed teams championship at the bridge Olympiad are proving less successful in the mixed pairs championship in which at the halfway stage the leading American pair is no higher than tenth. The leaders after two of the four sessions are:

1. Mrs Gordon and Trad (Switzerland), 7,792; 2. Mrs Movsat and Selcuzzi (Italy), 7,513; 3. Mrs Brechner and Law (Israel), 7,501; 4. Mrs Baschiera and Teffoli (Italy), 7,447; 5. Mrs Johnson and Shadel (Israel), 7,436; 6. Mrs Balbas and Grosshold (Spain), 7,428; 7. Miss Vorbe and Leenhardt (France), 7,422; 8. Mrs Mansell and Eber (South Africa), 7,420; 9. Mrs Teorfgani and Carini (Italy), 7,411; 10. Mrs Farell and Schwenke (United States), 7,394.

In all 236 players are competing. None of the six British pairs has yet reached the top half of the field.

On the first day of this event the two sessions lasted a full 12 hours. In the main events, the open and women's world championships, which begin on Sunday there is little likelihood of an acceleration in the rate of play. Staying power, therefore, may in the end count for as much as technique.

Spassky draws with Karpov

Moscow, May 9.—Boris Spassky, the former world chess champion and his new fellow Russian Anatoly Karpov drew the adjourned tenth game of their match in Leningrad today after 60 moves. The next game is tomorrow.

Karpov is leading 3—1. He needs only one more victory to win the match and qualify to meet another Russian, Viktor Korchnoi, in the final of the world challengers' tournament. The winner of the final will play Bobby Fischer, the American world champion, next year.—AP.

Latest wills

Miss Edith Mack Gerstley, of Kenerton, Gloucestershire, left £130,496 net (duty paid, £35,542). After personal bequests she left £10,000 to Cheltenham General Hospital, for use by the Urology department. Other estates include (net before duty paid: further duty may be payable on some estates):

Pearson, Mrs Alicia Mary Dorothea, of Pulborough, daughter of the first Lord Brabourne and widow of Mr Clive Pearson (duty paid, £47,617) £399,218

Mills, Winifred Lady, of South Kensington, widow of first Viscount (duty paid, £4,080) .. £29,403

Lamond, Sir William, of Fulham, managing director, Imperial Bank of India, 1935-45 (no duty shown) £24,201

Ferrier, Mr Arthur John, of Mortlake, London, cartoonist and portrait painter (duty paid, £5,305) £40,647

Vernon, Mr Herbert Wallace, of Aldeburgh (duty paid, £177,733) £363,202

Appleyard, Mr Sidney Walter, of Winchmore Hill, surveyor (duty paid £47,698) £146,732

Today's engagements

The Duchess of Gloucester attends Royal Humane Society's bicentenary thanksgiving service, St Paul's Cathedral, 11.55.

Princess Alexandra arrives City Chambers, Dundee, 2.35; opens reconstructed Eastern Wharf, Dundee.

Exhibition of ivory carvings of early medieval England, 700-1200, Victoria and Albert Museum, 10-6.

Poets in Person, Lee Harwood and Harry Fainlight, Poetry Society, Earls Court Square, 7.30.

Lunch-time talk: The Old Bailey, by Mr Ralph Snagge, St Margaret's Historical Society, St Margaret Pattens, Eastcheap, 1.10.

Temporary closures

The Painted Hall and Chapel at the Royal Naval College, Greenwich, will be closed to the public for the day on May 11.

The Chapter House and Pyx Chamber, Westminster Abbey, will be closed to the public on May 23 in connexion with the installation of the Ven Dr Carpenter as Dean of Westminster.

The department of coins and medals in the British Museum will be closed during the week May 27 to 31 for annual cleaning.

OBITUARY

DR J. TREVOR DAVIES

Leading Congregationalist

The Rev Dr J. Trevor Davies, chairman of the Congregational Union of England and Wales in 1960-61, and formerly Minister of Richmond Hill Church, Bournemouth, has died at the age of 67. He lived at Broadstone, Dorset.

For many years he had been a leader of Congregationalism and was a preacher and writer of note. He was a man of considerable theological learning, but he had also the native eloquence of the Welshman, and it was almost in the scheme of things that when, in the nineteen fifties, the pulpit of Richmond Hill Church, Bournemouth, became vacant, Trevor Davies was called to fill it, following in the steps of such forceful preachers as the Rev Dr J. D. Jones, and the Rev Dr John Short, both of whom had been chairmen of the union.

It says much for him, both as preacher and pastor, that he held together this closely-knit fellowship, while at the same time attracting every year thousands of holidaymakers at Bournemouth to the "Church on the Hill".

He had long developed the faculty, through his books and through his religious journalism, of maintaining the interest in, and devotion of these visitors who came from all parts of the world.

John Trevor Davies was born at Mountain Ash, Glamorg and was educated at the Com School, Neath, the Yorksh Independent College, Edinbu University and London Uni sity. He began his working in commerce and had rece a sound business training, the time he had decided enter the ministry.

At Edinburgh he gradua MA with Honours in Me and Moral Philosophy, awarded his PhD degree London for research and thesis upon psychology. later was to get his BD at E burgh. His first pastorate at Heaton Congregatio Church, Newcastle-upon-Tyne which he was called in and in 1937 he moved to ford, where he remained 1945.

Then he went to the Town Church at Southend Sea, where his impact wa feature of Nonconfor preaching at that time, pressure was brought to upon him to devote his learn and experience to the train of ministers, and in 1948 became a lecturer in New lege, London, devoting him particularly to philosophy psychology. Within a few ye however, his strong lean both to pastoral work and preaching reasserted th selves, and he went to Richm Hill.

MR COLIN LESSLIE

Sir Michael Balcon writes:

Colin Lesslie, who died on April 29, made an important contribution to British film production and his work should not go unrecorded.

He entered the film industry in 1930 and in 1936 we were associated in the production of *A Yank at Oxford* and later at Ealing Studios, which he left at the outbreak of war to serve with the Irish Guards.

After the war Colin Lesslie became an independent film producer of many good, and some outstanding British films, including the widely acclaimed *No Resting Place* (directed by Paul Rotha): *The Oracle*; *Charley Moon*; *Danger Within*; and the most successful *Tunes of Glory* (directed by Ronald Neame). He was also concerned with the production of *Zulu*, another film of considerable international standing.

This short tribute does not deal with Colin Lesslie's wartime activities about which there are others more qualified to write.

A man of rare modesty but of sterling worth, who commanded the respect and admiration of all who worked with him.

Mr Charles Ernest Lambert, CMG, who died on Wednesday, at the age of 73, was Assistant Secretary, Colonial Office, 1947-61.

MR WILLIAM STEEDS

P. St C. G. writes:

Bill Steeds, who has died, until his retirement, Profe of Mechanical Engineering the Royal Military College Science at Shrivenham. connexions with the coll went back to the days when college was at Woolwich.

He will be widely remembe by students of mechan engineering the world over his many books, and in part lar the *Motor Vehicle*, whic now in its ninth edition. He a prolific author with a life-l interest in machine tools wh led to his writing in retirem the *History of Machine T 1700-1910*, published by Oxford University Press.

In 1942, together with Colo (later Brigadier) O. E. Chapm he founded the school of T Technology at Chobham. lowing this he was engaged a military mission to the Uni States. For his work during war he was appointed an OBE

Dr Franklin Kidd, CBE, Fl who has died, was Superint dent of the Low Temperatu Research Station, Cambrid 1934-47 and from 1947 to 19 Diremtor of Food Investigatio Department of Scientific a Industrial Research.

Listed hotel has to be rebuilt in replica

From Our Correspondent
York

Mr Crosland, Secretary of State for the Environment, in a statement on three listed buildings in York in danger of collapse, says they can be demolished but must be replaced in replica. All are in one Georgian street and include the Queen's Hotel.

The decision has pleased conservationists and amenity societies but it is likely to add thousands of pounds to the developer's costs.

Daejan holdings, of London, a property company, owns the derelict buildings. It intends to go ahead with the project despite the stringent conditions. These include a four months' deadline in which to submit plans and a starting date within six months of the minister's approval.

Mr Crosland is taking a personal interest in the scheme. He has asked for the plans to be submitted to himself.

Mr Crosland said in his letter that the buildings were outstandingly important, individually and for their group and townscape value, but there was no reasonable hope of restoration. The work necessary to bring them into a safe condition would be extremely hazardous and he was not satisfied that the end result would be aesthetically acceptable.

National Galler show for 150th anniversary

By Our Arts Reporter

The National Gallery celebra its 150th anniversary today with exhibition aimed at showing public something of its history something of the work that g on behind the scenes.

Most of the work at yesterd preview, however, was very m to the forefront as workmen the finishing touches to the play and experts tried to solve problem of a certain stuffi (climatic) which was afflic Room XIII.

In the first section of the e bition, boards covered with sc of photographs show chronolc ally the gallery's acquisitions; probably for the first time i leading gallery, conservation, vironmental control, photogra hanging, framing and presenta of pictures, are illustrated, isc ing restoration in progress.

The centrepeice of the ex tion could be described as gallery's 150th birthday presen itself—the Velasquez, " Immaculate Conception", whi acquired earlier this year with aid of a special advance £185,000.

The exhibition, which conti until the end of June, is fre the public and open from 10 on weekdays, 2 to 6 on Sun and, during June, until 9 pm Tuesdays and Thursdays.

University news

New research chairs

Two new research chairs, each worth £200,000, are announced by the National Fund for Research into Crippling Diseases. The chairs are endowed by the fund to mark its twenty-first anniversary last year. They are a chair in experimental neurology at Newcastle University and one in human morphology and experimental orthopaedics at Nottingham University. Mr R. G. Burwell has been appointed to Nottingham. The endowment to Newcastle provides for both a chair and a senior lectureship, which have been accepted by Dr W. B. Bradley and Dr J. B. Harris respectively.

Aberdeen

Appointments:
Professor A. J. Whittenton, BSc, PhD, professor of petroleum geology, Bergen University, to a third chair of geology

Lecturer: Education: J. E. M. D MA, MLitt.

Research Fellows: Medicine: B. Junor, MB, ChB. Psychology: Miss Miller, MSc.

ICI Research fellowship: Units for search on Addictive Drugs: Graeme dereon, BSc.

Registrar/Archivist: North-East a J. R. Hunter, MA.

York

Appointments:
Department of Biology: R. F. G. Or MA, PhD (Cantab), Director of the S Biological Laboratory, Fort Sidm lecturer from October 1. Departme History: N. Hampson, MA (Oxon), Clarke, Professor of Modern History, castle University, as second profes history from October 1.

Promotions:
Economics: Dr H. P. Barrows, lectur senior lecturer. English: Dr W. A. lecturer, to senior lecturer. Mathem Dr T. B. Shell-Small, lecturer, to R Dr N. Anderson, lecturer, to senior le Music: Dr J. Paynter, lecturer, to lecturer. Politics: A. Dunsire, senio ture, to reader. Sociology: Mr A. M. lecturer, to senior lecturer.

Grants:
Department of Physics: £14,206 over years from the Science Research Coun geomagnetic pulsation studies at four l stations.

Science report

Medicine: Test to detect spina bifida

No cause has yet been found for spina bifida, the condition in which there is a failure of normal development during pregnancy of the bones of the spine and the spinal chord and a baby is born with some degree of permanent paralysis of the lower half of the body. The theory that the condition might be due to the eating during pregnancy of potatoes affected by blight has been largely discounted. There is, however, a reasonable chance that the number of affected babies may be reduced below the present figure of nearly 2,000 a year in the United Kingdom.

A test has been devised to detect the abnormality early enough in pregnancy for termination to be technically possible, and it seems likely that screening of pregnant women will eventually be a practical proposition. Two years ago research at Edinburgh University showed that when a foetus develops with spina bifida, the fluid surrounding it in the uterus has an abnormally high level of a substance called alpha foetoprotein. Those findings were quickly confirmed, and it became clear that if a sample of amniotic fluid was withdrawn from the uterus early in pregnancy it was possible to say fairly certainly whether the developing foetus was abnormal in that respect. However, withdrawal of a sample of fluid is a difficult and indeed slightly hazardous procedure and one that can be recommended only where there are grounds for believing that the pregnant woman has a high risk of having an abnormal baby: if, for example, she has previously given birth to a child with spina bifida.

It now seems that the test is equally effective when done on a sample of the mother's blood, which can be taken safely and easily. The concentrations of alpha foetoprotein in the blood are 500 times lower than those in the amniotic fluid, but they are still measurable by recently developed assay techniques. The reliability of the blood test has been assessed on over 300 pregnancies, and a recent meeting at the Ciba Foundation in London was told that when the test was done between the fifteenth and twentieth week of pregnancy it proved reliable in 10 out of 17 cases.

Commenting on that report, a leading article in the *Lancet* says there is still a long way to go. The technical aspects of the test need further refinement; the values to be expected in normal and abnormal pregnancies need to be determined by larger series of tests; and the optimum timing has still to be determined. Those studies are, however, going ahead fast so that there are grounds for cautious optimism that a practical solution may be in sight for one of the most distressing problems of pregnancy.

By Our Medical Correspondent.
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Hope of decision on Concorde next week: Cabinet still divided

By David Blake

The Cabinet is believed still to be divided about the future of the Anglo-French Concorde project. The subject is expected to come up at a ministerial committee meeting on Monday, and it is hoped that the differences can be resolved in time for a decision to be reached at the cabinet meeting scheduled for Thursday.

For the moment, with Mr Healey, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, an opponent of continuation, the odds look to be mainly in favour of the project's cancellation. But Mr Wedgwood Benn, the Secretary of State for Industry, is reported to be fighting hard for the project to be kept going, at least for the moment.

Critics of Concorde have pointed out that, even on the most optimistic assumptions, it will not hope to recover its development costs, now well over £700m.

They also point to the lack of firm orders from any airlines apart from British Airways and Air France, the two national airlines of the countries involved in building the aircraft.

Opponents of the project feel that their arguments have been considerably strengthened by the recent sharp rise in fuel costs, which could affect fuel-hungry aircraft like Concorde more severely than other aircraft.

Although Mr Benn said that he was surprised by how bad the estimates of Concorde's costs were when he revealed them shortly after taking office in March, he seems to be convinced that it would be a mistake to cancel the programme at this late.

One argument which has been advanced by his department is that, although the initial cost on such advanced projects like Concorde is heavy, there may well be "spin-off" at a later date which will compensate for some of the expenditure incurred.

He seems also to have been greatly influenced by evidence which, he argues, shows a degree of popular support for carrying on the project. Some of this evidence has been questioned, since it takes the form of letters sent in to Mr Benn, which run overwhelmingly in favour of putting the aircraft into production.

Some ministers are believed to have pointed out that supporters of the project are much more likely to write in about it than are opponents. Similar criticisms have been made of the use of a request by a national newspaper for readers to send in their views, which also produced a pro-Concorde result.

Another argument which has been advanced by the Department of Industry and which has not received universal assent is that it would be harmful for Britain if she were to pull out while the French went on with building the aircraft.

Our Industrial Editor writes: In reviewing the Concorde project Mr. Benn is aware of the need for early consultations with a new French Government.

Consultations have continued at departmental level during the French elections, and the French have been told that the revised development figures and costs of production prepared by Britain may be amended in the light of representations received since they were supplied to the Commons.

There are strong suggestions in Whitehall that Mr Benn may recommend the Cabinet and the Lord President of the Council to set up an all-party select committee to advise on Concorde's future, working to a shorter-than-usual deadline for producing a report to the Commons.

Proposals for taxing foreigners to be eased

By Derek Harris

The Government is to soften some of its proposals for taxing foreigners working in Britain.

This follows the disclosure in Business News yesterday that foreign journalists and many other professional workers from overseas were joining in a growing protest against measures announced in the Budget to bring foreigners more into the United Kingdom's tax net.

Mr Healey, the Chancellor, announced last night that the Government would table an amendment to the Finance Bill lengthening to nine years out of 10 the period that a foreigner has to stay in the United Kingdom before being taxed for income and capital gains as if he were domiciled here.

The Chancellor said he thought the original proposals of five out of any six-year tax period was "unduly stringent".

Mr Edward Gottesman, chairman of the American Chamber of Commerce specialist committee studying the problem, said: "This is really no less objectionable. We are concerned at the limitations being placed on foreign companies' ability to make rational decisions on whether to locate their headquarters in the United Kingdom. Companies will now tend not to do this."

The chamber is to continue representations to the Treasury.

Mr Henri van der Zee, vice-president of the Foreign Press Association, said he thought the concession was an improvement but was not enough. The association is to suggest that, at most, taxation be applied to only 50 per cent of basic salaries.

The Chancellor plans for "temporary" residents in the United Kingdom to be taxed on half their earnings until 1976-77. Then foreigners falling under the nine-year rule would be treated as full United Kingdom taxpayers on world-wide income and capital gains.

CBI's pessimistic industrial survey points to 'horrifying' inflation in cost pressures

By Our Industrial Editor

Announcing results of its latest Industrial Trends Survey, the Confederation of British Industry yesterday reported that companies were now facing "a horrifying escalation of cost pressures".

In spite of some recovery from the three-day week, the prevailing mood is described as one of pessimism.

The survey, completed late last month with the help of 1,239 respondents accounting for half of Britain's exports, makes four main points.

Manufacturing industry as a whole is at present busy and expects to remain so if only within the short term; the buoyant investment intentions of 1973 are no longer apparent; companies face heavy cost pressures; but export trends are still moderately encouraging.

Not surprisingly, pessimism about the general business situation is less apparent now than in the last survey, taken in January amid the energy crisis. On that occasion a balance of 75 per cent of participants reported less optimism than four months previously. The comparable figure this time shows a balance of 9 per cent less optimistic.

While this indicates a short-term recovery in confidence, the CBI stresses that the latest result still compares badly with the strong positive balances recorded throughout 1972 and 1973.

The April survey findings indicate that half manufacturing industry is at present working below a satisfactorily full rate of operation. This is considerably less than under the unusual January situation, but it is difficult to estimate the extent to which a fairly high level of capacity working reflects simply the making good of output lost in earlier months.

Some 62 per cent of participants expect an increase in the value of output over the next four months. About 29 per cent forecast the same as in the past four months, and 8 per cent a fall. The balance of 54 per cent is in marked contrast to the gloomy January prediction and comparable to expectations noted in 1972 and 1973.

The strong upward trend is forecast by all the broad industry groups. An increase in employment is also expected. Only a negligible movement in stocks of raw materials is forecast, and some stockbuilding of finished goods is expected to take place, especially in the consumer sector.

A more worrying feature of the short-term forecasts is that a net figure of only 11 per cent of respondents expect an increase over the next four months in the value of new orders. With the exception of the previous inquiry, this is the lowest balance recorded in more than seven years.

Associated with this is an increase from 29 per cent in January to 35 per cent now in the number of companies expecting output to be limited over the next four months because of a lack of orders or sales.

The potential demand constraint to production is itemized relatively frequently in consumer goods industries but, overall, although more companies have referred to this factor than in the previous three surveys, the figure remains exceptionally low by historical standards.

Supply problems, especially shortages of materials or components and of skilled labour, are more frequently expected to limit output in the coming months and sizable proportions of companies continue to mention unskilled labour and plant capacity as likely limiting factors. Credit or finance is mentioned by 6 per cent of companies compared with 4 per cent in January.

There has been a slight recovery in investment intentions since the January survey. But comparison with the extremely buoyant intentions of 1973 is called "an unhappy one".

"Some reduction was to be expected," the CBI says, "but never before the history of the survey have fixed capital expenditure prospects collapsed as rapidly and on this evidence the outlook for investment from the turn of the year has become quite gloomy."

Some 94 per cent of companies report a rise in average costs per unit of output and this figure also represents the balance. This balance, by a significant margin, is the highest on record and the picture is uniform throughout manufacturing industry.

As with many of the other series, optimism about export prospects over the next year is greater than in the January survey, but has not regained the immediate pre-crisis levels.

The outlook for exports is seen to be relatively encouraging in consumer goods and in such broad groups as electrical engineering, textiles, and building materials.

The balance of 41 per cent of participants reporting an increase in the value of new export orders over the past four months is rather lower than in recent surveys, yet it is high by historical standards.

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Brothers deny 'stagging' charges

In a case said by the prosecution to be possibly the first of its kind to be the subject of criminal proceedings two brothers were alleged at the Central Criminal Court yesterday to have resorted to deception and dishonesty by inflating applications relating to the "stagging" of share issues.

Before the court were Mr Monty Green, aged 44, of Lord Avenue, Clayhill, Ilford, Essex, and Mr Allen Greenstein, aged 45, described as a schoolmaster, of Claremont Road, Forest Gate, London.

Mr Green is accused of dishonestly obtaining a letter of acceptance in respect of 250 shares in Kettering Motoring Services Group and a cheque for £19,800 belonging to Singer and Friedlander with the intention of permanently depriving them of it by deception.

He is also charged with dishonestly attempting to obtain a letter of acceptance relating to ordinary shares in Audiotronic Holdings and a cheque for £11,200; dishonestly obtaining £3,600 worth of Dunbarton County Council redeemable stock and a cheque for £21,640 belonging to the Bank of Scotland: dishonestly obtaining £3,300 worth of Dunbarton Stock and a cheque for £19,640.

He is further accused of dishonestly obtaining a letter of acceptance concerning 529 ordinary shares in Petlew Holdings and a cheque for £37,922 belonging to Samuel Montague and Co; dishonestly obtaining a letter of acceptance in relation to 2,000 shares in Harold Perry Motors and a cheque for £46,400 belonging to the County Bank; and dishonestly attempting to obtain shares in Knott Mills Holdings and a cheque for £81,998.

Mr Greenstein is charged with dishonestly obtaining a letter of acceptance in respect of 400 shares in Alida Packaging Co and a cheque for £16,464 belonging to Singer and Friedlander. He is accused of a similar offence in connexion with Dunbarton stock and a cheque for £49,640, and attempting by deception to secure shares in Knott Mills Holdings and a cheque for £77,376.

Both men have pleaded not guilty to all charges.

Mr D. H. Jeffreys, prosecuting, said the men issued cheques for large sums to ensure that they obtained shares, or stock in new issues. The operation, called stagging—in Stock Exchange parlance meaning being the first to apply for a new issue of shares.

Deliberately inflated applications were resorted to with cheques being issued to make sure of obtaining shares or stock.

These cheques were for amounts not covered by the defendants' bank accounts, counsel alleged. He said that no one lost money over the transactions despite the large cheques issued, they were eventually covered by the return of excess application cheques from the issuing houses.

When interviewed by the police both men said this was a practice approved by the major clearing banks, Mr Jeffreys added.

The trial is expected to last about three weeks.

Dunlop reveals £4.76m rubber market losses

Our Financial Editor

Dunlop was caught out by textile commodity prices last year. The big British tyremaker yesterday admitted losses of £4.76m on rubber market dealings.

These arose from the failure of Dunlop Plantations to hedge, or cover itself against forward sales of latex at the end of June on the view then that prices would come down. In fact prices more than doubled. The spot price in London was 20p a kilo; it peaked at 58p a kilo in December, 1973.

Dunlop says that leaving forward sales uncovered in this way was against company policy. Three employees, including Mr Peter Flunder, the director responsible, have resigned.

The company's auditors and advisers were brought in to make an independant report. This report has confirmed that there is no evidence that any of the individuals involved sought to obtain, or obtained, any monetary advantage for themselves", Dunlop says.

Dunlop's board neither authorized nor was made aware of the dealings. Once the situation came to light, immediate steps were taken to prevent a recurrence and, following the independent report, the administrative measures suggested have been adopted.

Full provision has been made by Dunlop for the losses. Pirelli, Dunlop's partner in the Anglo-Italian tyremaking union set up at the beginning of 1971, will bear 40 per cent of the loss.

Apart from this, Dunlop's results were in line with stock market expectations. Profits of the British company, Dunlop Holdings, in what was a difficult year in important European tyre markets, slipped from £40m to £36m. But Dunlop has maintained its dividend at 5p gross, although even at this early stage it seems clear 1974 will be a difficult year.

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Saudi Arabia rejects Lever plan for collective purchasing of crude

By Roger Vielvoye
Energy Correspondent

Shaikh Ahmed Zaki Yamani, Saudi Arabia's oil minister, yesterday dismissed the Lever plan for collective action by the main consuming countries for purchasing Middle East oil. He disclosed to a London press conference that Saudi Arabia's answer to the participation question would be "very different" to solutions put forward for other countries.

Mr Lever, Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster, is believed to favour a mechanism for the collective purchasing of Middle East oil which would be resold to the main consumers after the levy of a small surcharge. The surcharge could then be lent or given to developing countries that have not benefited from the boom in oil and other commodity prices.

He was equally unenthusiastic about the plan by Mr Witteveen, managing director of the International Monetary Fund, for recycling surplus funds from the main oil producing countries. Saudi Arabia had invested money with the World Bank and set up its own investment fund to help developing nations. Nothing had been put into the IMF.

He rejected the idea of accepting special drawing rights as payment for oil and added that all these new forms of payment being devised had the sole aim of recycling the financial surpluses of the oil producers back into the western economies.

Shaikh Yamani said he understood that the Lever plan was a "personal" view and did not represent the ideas of the British Government. "I do not have to pay much attention to personal views", he said.

He did not think consumers would adopt the plan and gave warning that any sort of collective action could lead to further restrictions on production and sharp price increases.

But he had some hopeful words on short-term oil prices. Shaikh Yamani said he did not expect there to be any real push for dearer crude prices when the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries meets in Quito, Ecuador, on June 15 to fix prices for the third quarter of the year.

Societies 'need new fund flow'

By Margaret Stone

Mr Anthony Crosland, Secretary of State for the Environment, cast doubts last night about the building society movement's ability to rely exclusively on short-term personal savings.

Speaking at the annual dinner of the Building Societies Association, he said: "This source of funds—at least in the foreseeable future—may be approaching saturation." He added that the volatility of personal savings added to the problem.

Mr Crosland went on to say: "Perhaps societies must develop a flow of funds from the longer-term capital market." He acknowledged that the association had already been thinking along these lines and considering the implications it would involve.

He emphasized that the Government was not seeking confrontation with the building society movement, but said that he was sure that "building societies would not want to simply sit in the stands and watch the struggle to work out new policies on home-ownership."

He added: "You are one of the major financial institutions in the country. And so, even if you wanted to, you could not avoid sharing with government the social responsibility for shaping the future in relation to home ownership."

Although there has been a big upsurge in building society net receipts, on Wednesday the Building Societies Association decided to let individual building societies take up the second tranche of the loan facilities offered by the Government. This is another £100m on top of the £100m at present being shared among societies. The interest rate for the second £100m will remain unchanged at 10.5 per cent.

However, not all societies are in agreement with these proposals. Although most of the leading societies are taking up their share of the first £100m, the Leek Westbourne and Eastern Counties has decided not to participate in the scheme, and yesterday it was announced that the Bristol and West society was by no means certain that it would take up its share.

Profits on stock distorted Shell's quarterly income

By Anthony Rowley

Net income of the Royal Dutch/Shell group was almost trebled in the first quarter of this year at £319m, compared with £115m in the comparable period of last year, it was reported yesterday.

However, £125m of this improvement came from "abnormal stock profits" chiefly because of the steep increase in crude oil costs. These profits will go only part of the way towards replacing stocks at new, higher prices, Royal Dutch/Shell stated.

Cash and securities of the Anglo-Dutch group stood at £1,599m at the end of the first quarter, though "this sum has since been considerably reduced by the very large payments to oil suppliers and governments which fell due after March 31". Capital spending virtually doubled to £229m in the first quarter.

Royal Dutch/Shell emphasized yesterday that the first-quarter profits figures must not be taken as indicative of the performance throughout this year. The current extraordinary situation in the international oil business "leaves great uncertainty for the rest of the year".

Oil product prices now prevailing in some important markets allow little or no profit

The formula for dividing by two; and Financial Editor, page 27

Panel restricts Portland cement rise to 13.9 pc

By Hugh Clayton

The Price Commission persisted, in its clash with cement makers yesterday by cutting a price rise of more than 19 per cent proposed by Associated Portland Cement Manufacturers, the largest company in the industry, to 13.9 per cent.

It also allowed British Aluminium to charge an average of 12.8 per cent more for aluminium ingot and related products. "The increases do not fully cover higher costs", the company said. "The new prices are being applied to new orders and all dispatches immediately, irrespective of acknowledged delivery dates."

Associated Portland was also told that its 24.5 per cent increase on special cement had been cut to 22.6 per cent.

The commission made it clear it expected the cut to 13.9 per cent on most of the output of the industry's market leader to affect rises imposed by smaller competitors. Some of these have been awarded general rises of more than 20 per cent, but may now hesitate before exceeding 14 per cent.

The Cement Makers' Federation claimed this month that member companies would have to raise prices by as much as 40 per cent in some areas unless the Government eliminated an anomaly in the Price Code.

Official Cowley strike threat over shop steward

By R. W. Shakespeare

British Leyland's Austin-Morris car plant at Cowley, Oxford, could be facing yet another crippling strike—this time with union backing—over a decision to withdraw recognition and facilities from Mr Alan Thornett, a shop steward and deputy convener.

The Transport and General Workers' Union leadership is to consider calling an official stoppage after rejecting terms put forward by British Leyland executives, including Mr Pat Lowry, the corporation's labour relations director, earlier this week.

Management representatives told union officials, led by Mr Moss Evans, the senior negotiator for the car industry, that they did not believe Mr Thornett was "a fit person to be afforded facilities by the company", and alleged he had abused his position as a deputy convener and "deliberately flouted agreements".

Union representatives were told that if Mr Thornett's behaviour as an employee during the next six months was "responsible" and if at the end of that time it was still the wish of the transport section to have him as a shop steward, the company would again accept his appointment.

Ship recall forces Arco to end Celtic Sea drilling

The Arco group has abandoned its Celtic Sea drilling programme without completing the exploratory well on block 106/24, about 20 miles north-west of Fishguard.

The well was abandoned because the drill ship Glomar Grand Isle is due back in Norwegian waters by May 15. It will be possible to return to the location and finish the well at a later date.

Arco had been drilling on the block since the middle of February, but in the opening months they lost a considerable amount of drilling time because of poor weather conditions and difficulties with the strong currents in the area.

Companies with concessions in the Celtic Sea had been hoping that the results of the well would have helped to provide a better overall picture of the prospects of the area.

Arco said it was naturally disappointed but the incomplete well had provided valuable geological information on the area. British Petroleum is now the only company drilling in the British sector of the Celtic Sea. It is using the drillship Havdrill on block 93/2.

Occidental Petroleum said it was still drilling on block 14/19 in the North Sea west of its Piper Field discovery. A spokesman said he had no comment to make on widespread rumours in the industry that it had made a large discovery.

A well is to be drilled on the boundary between the Transworld group's block 21/1 and Texaco's block 20/5. The costs will be shared

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Profit before tax	267,045	219,008
Dividend—gross	35,732	34,031

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Wall St closes 14.78 higher

New York, May 9.—Wall Street prices picked up today on news that American wholesale prices in April showed their lowest rate of advance since October. The Dow Jones industrial average closed 14.78 points up at 867.7. Advancing issues outnumbered declines by 790 to 580.

Wholesale prices slacken, page 26

Mr Chapman halves his Lotus holding

Since the end of 1972, Mr Colin Chapman, the chairman of Group Lotus Car Companies has nearly halved his shareholding, including family interests, from 1.05m to 659,000 shares. There were no dealings between January 7 and April 9 this year. Mr Chapman is currently in Belgium for the Grand Prix and was not available yesterday for comment.

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How the markets moved

The Times index: 119.86+0.07
F.T. index: 302.5—0.5

Rises

BICC	1p to 129p	Pork Farms	7p to 160p
Coats Patons	1p to 57½p	Reyrolle Psns	6p to 71p
Dunlop Hldgs	2p to 47p	Sunley, B.	14p to 282p
Furness Withy	6p to 158p	Swan Hunter	3p to 114p
GEC	1p to 107p	Tate & Lyle	2p to 154p
Hawker Sidd	2p to 276p	Vickers	2p to 114p
Lloyds & Scot	10p to 66p	Western Areas	15p to 455p

Falls

Ass Pt Cement	2p to 136p	Metal Box	3p to 192p
Beecham Grp	2p to 221p	Mothercare	7p to 162p
Bibby, J.	5p to 85p	Northern Devs	2p to 36p
Berisfords	2p to 38p	Plessey	2p to 97p
GKN	4p to 182p	UK Props	2p to 32p
Hunting Gibson	10p to 300p	Whessoe	12p to 85p
Jacks, W.	1p to 16½p	Western Mng	6p to 133p

Equities lost early gains after reports from the conference of the Seamen's union.

Gilt-edged securities found further buying support.

Sterling gained 15 points at $2.4315. The "effective devaluation" rate was 17.40 per cent.

Gold jumped $6 to $166.

Commodities: Coffee futures advanced up to £11, while spot sugar was lifted another £5 to £255. Cocoa fell sharply with the July quotation down £28. Copper lost £34.50 and tin fell £27.50. Zinc eased £11, but LME silver jumped 15p. Reuters index was 1.9 down at 1,382.2.

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THE POUND

	Bank buys	Bank sells
Australia $	1.68	1.635
Austria Sch	45.00	43.00
Belgium Fr	96.75	94.00
Canada $	2.38	2.33
Denmark Kr	14.45	14.05
Finland Mkk	9.15	8.80
France Fr	11.90	11.60
Germany DM	6.00	5.80
Greece Dr	72.25	70.00
Hongkong $	12.30	11.95
Italy Lr	1665.00	1620.00
Japan Yn	700.00	675.00
Netherlands Gld	6.35	6.15
Norway Kr	13.00	12.65
Portugal Esc	60.00	57.00
S Africa Rd	1.88	1.79
Spain Pes	143.00	138.00
Sweden Kr	10.50	10.20
Switzerland Fr	7.20	6.95
US $	2.47	2.42
Yugoslavia Dnr	36.75	35.00

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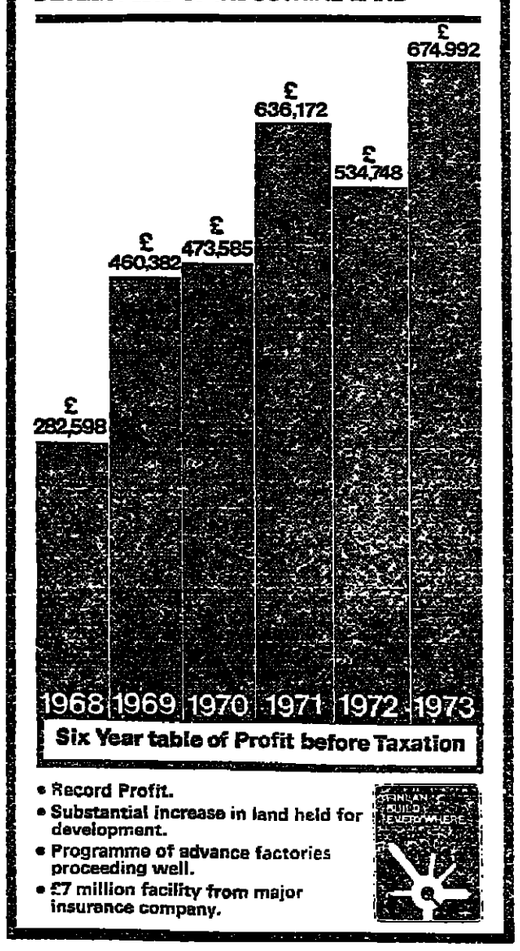
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- Programme of advance factories proceeding well.
- £7 million facility from major insurance company.

EEC warning after Danish tax curbs

From Roger Berthoud
Brussels, May 9

With yet another EEC government—this time Denmark—imposing drastic economic measures unilaterally, the European Commission gave a warning today that this approach would eventually produce bigger and bigger differences between the economies of the Nine.

The savage tax increases announced yesterday by the Danish government on cars, cigarettes, spirits and wine follow the Italian government's imposition of a 50 per cent cash deposit on a long list of industrial and agricultural imports.

But whereas the Italian action flouted the key EEC principle of the free movement of goods, European Commission sources confirmed today that the Danish measures were not contrary to the Treaty of Rome, being non-discriminatory and of a fiscal and domestic nature.

They went, furthermore in the desirable direction of combating inflation, restricting consumption and correcting a balance of payments deficit.

But the sources pointed out that some member states would be harder hit by them than others. German cars, British spirits and French wine seem obvious potential victims. This, the Commission said could lead to the danger of retaliatory measures.

Commission officials obviously regretted that there had been no preliminary consultation in Brussels by the Danes.

They pointed out that if member states take widely differing measures in response to economic difficulties, this can only increase the gap between them. The need to practise convergent economic policies was growing.

The Danish government however is consulting the Commission over its plan to cut the duty-free allowance for travellers by more than half. Such a cut would, without special dispensation, be contrary to Community dispositions, the sources said.

This was a reference to the agreement by the Council of Ministers in June, 1972, to increase the overall tax-free allowance from £31 to £52. The allowance of spirits was increased from 1 litre to 1.5 litres, and on cigarettes from 200 to 300. This applied to new member states—Britain, Denmark and Ireland—from January 1, 1973.

Alan McGregor writes from Geneva: Ministers of the seven Efta countries agreed at a two-day meeting there to associate their governments with OECD efforts to prevent restrictive trade practices in the current difficult situation.

The chairman, Mr Ernst Brugger, President of Switzerland and Minister of Economy, described it as "one of the best meetings we have ever had". He said ministers had expressed a firm will to maintain the liberal order of their economies and trade.

With similar intentions being expressed by the EEC, it should be possible for the Community and Efta together to find solutions for nations in particular difficulties, such as Italy, and help them to improve their balance of payments positions by structural and monetary measures, thereby protecting free trade.

The amount of time given to actual Efta business during the two days was nominal. Under present circumstances, Efta is providing a forum for top-level discussions ranging far beyond its day-to-day functioning as a free trade association.

Zenith move to foil Tokyo takeover of Motorola

From Frank Vogl
Washington, May 9

Zenith Radio Corporation, one of the largest radio and television manufacturers in America, is making a last-minute effort to prevent one of its leading Japanese rivals, the Matsushita Electric Industrial Co, from increasing its American market penetration by the acquisition of Motorola Incorporated's home television receiver sector.

Motorola announced its proposed sale to Matsushita on March 12, claiming that "our television receiver business, which accounted for approximately 17 per cent of Motorola's consolidated sales in 1973, has not achieved appropriate profits in recent years".

The deal was expected to be approved by the anti-trust division of the Justice Department by the end of April, but approval was delayed in the hope that a United States buyer would come forward. The deadline is May 28 and Zenith has now written to the Justice Department expressing interest in buying Motorola's home television business.

While Zenith is now likely to come forward with a strong bid, it does not appear to be interested in acquiring all of Motorola's home television plants, nor in buying Motorola's distribution network. Because of this Zenith's chances appear slim.

Motorola Incorporated announced record first-quarter sales and earnings recently and apart from its home television business, appears to be in strong financial shape. The company's first-quarter sales rose 21 per cent to $271.5m (about £113m), while net profits increased correspondingly to $19.4m.

US wholesale price rises tapering off

From Our US Economics Correspondent
Washington, May 9

Government officials, who have long been predicting a slowdown in the tempo of price rises this quarter, were vindicated today by the announcement of the smallest monthly rise in wholesale prices since last October. There was also a sharp decline in wholesale food prices.

The Department of Labour said wholesale prices in April rose by 0.7 per cent, on a seasonally adjusted basis, after a rise of 1.3 per cent in March.

Wholesale food prices fell for the second consecutive month, with a decline of 3 per cent (down 2.1 per cent in March). But this was offset by a 2.3 per cent increase in industrial wholesale prices, following a 2.9 per cent rise in the previous month.

The wholesale price index, now at 155.3 (1967 equals 100), is 18.8 per cent up on April of last year. Disquieting as the rise may be, the wholesale price figures for the last three months show an annual increase of just 13.5 per cent, against an annual rate of 24.8 per cent over the first quarter of this year.

UK steel output rose 8.9 pc last month

United Kingdom steel output in April averaged 457,300 ingot tonnes a week—8.9 per cent higher than in March, when steelmaking throughout the country was affected by the miners' strike. However, production still fell 10.7 per cent short of the April 1973 figure.

Labour disputes in British Steel Corporation plants in Wales and the West Midlands lost an average of 15,000 ingot tonnes a week during the month. BSC output was further curtailed by a shortfall in scrap supplies of approximately 20,000 tonnes a week.

Steel production in the first four months of 1974 averaged 422,400 ingot tonnes a week, 20 per cent below last year's level of output.

Government returns, released separately, show that consumption of finished steel in the first quarter of 1974 is provisionally estimated to have been 4.3m tonnes (5.8 tonnes ingot equivalent), after seasonal adjustment.

Stocks of steel held by consumers and merchants are estimated to have increased by over half a million tonnes, which is easily the largest ever quarterly stock increase. Consumer stocks are estimated to be at their highest ever level.

TV and radio sales top £384m

Television and radio sales topped £384m last year, £77m higher than the previous record in 1972. Lord Thorneycroft, president of the British Radio Equipment Manufacturers' Association, announcing the figures at the annual meeting in London yesterday said during the year 3,031,000 television sets were sold.

Colour sales reached 2,076,000, the highest so far, but black and white sets dropped to 955,000—the lowest for 20 years. Lord Thorneycroft said that sales might not be as high this year as the industry had been hit by the reinstatement of controls on hire purchase and rental in December and also by last year's oil price increases, then electricity restrictions and the three-day week.

Hydrogen tipped as new aviation fuel

By Arthur Reed
Air Correspondent

Two world aviation leaders yesterday posed the possibility of airliners being powered by hydrogen as an alternative source of fuel to oil products.

Mr David Nicolson, chairman of British Airways, said liquid hydrogen had good heat content and freedom from pollution, while the materials for its manufacture were readily available. Mr Dan Haughton, chairman of Lockheed, foresaw a long-term future with a new aircraft which was hydrogen-powered and able to carry up to 500 passengers anywhere in the world in three or four hours.

They were presenting papers in London at a world aviation *conference organized by the Financial Times.*

The drawbacks to hydrogen were also listed by Mr Nicolson. The high bulk of the fuel would mean radical aircraft redesign, and the insulation and other problems associated with handling a material at low temperatures were considerable.

Mr Nicolson said another problem bedevilling the industry was "too many seats chasing too few people". In 1973 on the routes between Britain and the United States, British Airways offered a total capacity equivalent to 11 jumbo jets a day. The equivalent of nearly five of these were operated completely empty.

"These are statistics that send a chill down the spine of every senior airline executive who is concerned about profitability." A capacity agreement would save both costs and fuel.

Mr Nicolson said he would be announcing a profit for British Airways operations for the 12 months ended March 31. The figure would be "a substantial amount".

Mr Haughton said airlines were likely to have at least 10 more years in which to "digest" their new wide-bodied airliners before new aircraft designs were produced. Airlines would need some 2,200 wide-bodied airbuses between 1970 and the 1980s.

Investors and analysts asked if money could really be made by aircraft manufacturers. "The answer is 'yes'. If it was not, there are a lot of us who would not be around today."

Special drawing rights may comprise 18 currencies

Paris, May 9.—The number of currencies to be used in the standard "basket" to value special drawing rights during the interim period of monetary reform is expected to be fixed at 16 to 18 currencies, a monetary official said here today.

The official, attending the last day of the Committee of Twenty deputies' final discussion on the two-part "outline of reform" said each of the currencies involved accounted for 1 per cent or more of world trade, but he declined to elaborate.

Some monetary officials, however, believed that the number of currencies to be agreed was still uncertain and could be as low as nine.

But officials made it clear there had been little progress towards fixing the interest rate to be paid on s.d.rs during the interim.

They said this fell into the category of political decisions, which would be left to the full-scale ministerial-level meeting of the Committee of Twenty in Washington on June 12 and 13.

They added that other problems discussed so far today involved the gold price, which was generally blocking progress and would also be left to the ministers.

The role of the interim committee was reviewed by the deputies. Sources said the way it should operate continued to be the subject of discord.—Reuter.

June hearing likely for Crest bid challenge

A High Court judge yesterday ordered an early trial of an action by Crest International Securities, disputing the existence of a contract to bid for the outstanding shares of Ashbourne Investments. Mr Justice Templeman said the trial should begin early next month.

Crest is challenging a claim by certain directors of Ashbourne Investments to have a contract with a consortium headed by Crest.

The terms were that the consortium should buy the directors' shares at 46p a share, and to make an offer for the company's outstanding shares at the same price. Crest denies there was a contract. Alternatively, if there was, the contract should be rescinded on the ground of misrepresentation.

Yesterday's order for an early trial followed a move on Tuesday by Mr David Tannen not to proceed with his application to restrain Crest from going ahead with its bid for Ashbourne until the situation had been "clarified."

Mr Tannen is a shareholder of Crest International and a director of several of its subsidiaries. He also sought an order against the City Takeover Panel, whose code required Crest, having acquired 43 per cent of Ashbourne's shares, to make a bid for the remainder.

SE liaison panel meets

At the first meeting of the Stock Exchange Liaison Committee, held yesterday under the chairmanship of Mr G. Loveday, chairman of The Stock Exchange discussions covered prospective procedures for a dialogue between the Exchange and the major users of its services. The committee intends to meet quarterly, or more frequently if necessary.

The Exchange was additionally represented by Messrs J. Dundas Hamilton and D. LeRoy-Lewis and by the Government Broker. Also on the Committee are Messrs W. Broadfield, J. Glyn, A. McDonald, F. Sandilands, A. Touche, M. Verey and Sir John Prideaux.

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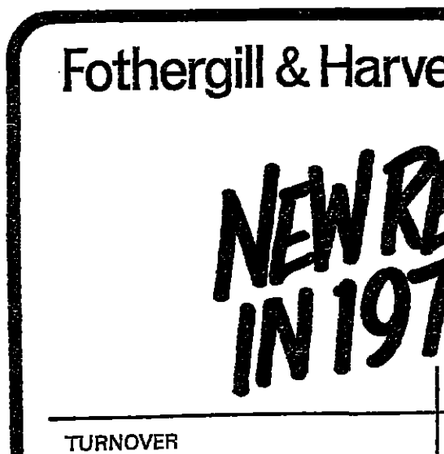
NEW RECORDS IN 1973...

	1973	1972	% increase
TURNOVER	£7m.	£5.9m.	18%
PROFITS—£'000	636	440	45%
DIVIDEND—NET	4.55p	2.68p	70%
RETURN ON TOTAL ASSETS	22.4%	17.1%	30%

ACHIEVEMENT OF OBJECTIVE
"1973 saw the achievement of the main objective we set ourselves some years ago, to reduce the company's dependence on industrial textiles, not by curtailing that section of the business, but by expanding at a faster rate our newer products. This year these accounted for 59% of the profit, before interest and tax."

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"Thanks to a truly united effort from all our employees, to whom we owe so much for another year of satisfactory progress, our production during the emergency period did not suffer to the extent originally anticipated. As a result, the upward trend in both turnover and profits, so apparent throughout 1973, has forged ahead uninterrupted. Whether this continues for the remainder of the year will depend on the effect on industry generally of the policies of the new Government. Subject to these we look forward to another excellent year. Fothergill & Harvey is a viable company in its own right and the growth prospects are equally as good as those indicated at the time of the Jones Stroud bid."



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Gulf 'inflated crude price'

Washington, May 9.—The Federal Energy Administration has said that it has evidence that Gulf Oil Corporation illegally inflated crude oil prices. But it does not know how much was passed on to consumers at petrol pumps.

The allegation claims that the evidence shows that Gulf overcharged itself $46.5m (about £19.3m) on crude oil purchased from its subsidiaries in Africa.

The charge is the initial step in administrative proceedings that allow the company 10 days to rebut the findings with its own evidence. The energy agency could ultimately confirm the initial charges and order Gulf to reverse price increases based on any such overcharging.

However, the agency said it has not yet determined what portion of the $46.5m the company may have recouped from consumers.

In a statement issued at its headquarters in Pittsburgh Gulf said it "categorically denies that it has violated" the energy agency regulations. The company said it would work with the agency "to correct any misunderstandings on this matter."—AP-Dow Jones.

Money supply indicted

Trade unions do not and cannot cause inflation, according to an Aims of Industry pamphlet, published today. The views are those of the pamphlet's author, Professor Alan Walters, a keen adherent in London University of the monetarist school of economics.

Professor Walters argues that "the monopoly power of trade unions cannot be the driving force of a *continuous* inflation" (his italics). Such monopoly power can only have a once-and-for-all effect on wage levels: and the degree of monopoly power of unions has in fact been progressively eroded by increasing international competition in world trade.

The real culprits, says Professor Walters, are the Government and the Bank of England "in their pursuit of full employment policies".

These authorities inflate the money supply in order to prevent unions with monopoly bargaining power from pricing themselves out of the labour market and so causing unemployment.

CBI APRIL SURVEY OF INDUSTRY

	Balance* More	Same	Less
Are you more or less optimistic than you were four months ago about the general business situation in your industry (January in brackets):	21 (3)	46 (19)	33 (78)

	More	Same	Less	N/A
Do you expect to authorize more or less capital expenditure in the next 12 months than you authorized in the past 12 months on (January in brackets):				
(a) buildings	17 (24)	33 (30)	35 (39)	14 (7)
(b) plant and machinery	24 (32)	38 (32)	33 (35)	3 (1)

	Yes	No	N/A
Is your present level of output below capacity (ie, are you working below a satisfactorily full rate of operation) (January in brackets):	48 (71)	49 (27)	3 (1)

*The "balance" is the difference between the percentage of respondents replying "more" and the percentage replying "less" to each question. There were 1,239 respondents.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Issues behind Britain's choice of reactor

From Mr R. W. Holder

Sir, The discussion about which type of nuclear reactor should be chosen for the United Kingdom provides ample opportunities for experts to disagree, because there is no clear reason for selecting one system rather than another. If any one system were the obvious choice, there would not have been so much contention.

Perhaps the best view we can accept is that the light water reactor may be better suited for large power stations feeding a sophisticated grid in a concentrated industrial country such as England: and a pressure tube reactor, such as the British steam generating heavy water reactor (SGHWR) or the Canadian Candu, is more suitable for less developed countries with wider geographical separation, as in Scotland. Mr Hawkins of the Central Electricity Generating Board and Mr Tombs of the South of Scotland Electricity Board may both be right.

If they are there remain two major questions to be resolved, safety and exports.

The Minister of State for Energy had made it quite clear that no system will be chosen which does not comply with adequate standards of safety and nobody dissents from that view.

As for exports, the economic strength of the oil producing states has taught us, if we did not appreciate it before; that exporting energy is a source of economic strength. By putting up the price of oil these same states have now made inevitable the switch to nuclear power which has so long been predicted and so long delayed.

My company, as a consistent exporter of nuclear technology and with close relationships in developing countries, was authorized to follow enquiries for British pressure tube reactors while the National Nuclear Corporation was sorting itself out. We felt this to be useful because ultimately our power to help the developing world and to strengthen our economy will depend more on our ability to export reactors than on meeting our own domestic requirements.

Our inquiries show that there is an immediate demand for 11 British pressure tube reactors of 600 MWe, worth perhaps £1,000 in total, and the nuclear power reactors have become the cheapest source of electricity generated from power stations down to 100 MWe. While accepting the finding of the International Atomic Energy Agency that some 200 to 300 reactors in these sizes will be ordered in the next 10 years, we further find that, for commercial and technical reasons, pressure tube reactors are preferred in many of these applications.

The Candu system is in great demand, being the only pressure tube reactor at present on offer, and we are told that for the moment Canada cannot accept additional export orders. It would be understandable if the United States preferred to keep British pressure tube reactors out of world markets. It is certainly reasonable to suppose that, if Britain can be induced to abandon SGHWR, the Americans will control these markets for two decades.

Happily we retain the capacity in the United Kingdom both to build parts of the American system under licence and to exploit the home and overseas demand for British pressure tube reactors. It must be understood however that the issues are far more fundamental for our future than might be supposed from merely reading the technical arguments which the proponents of each system continue to press.

Yours faithfully,
R. W. HOLDER,
Managing Director,
The Fairey Company Limited,
Cranford Lane,
Heston,
Hounslow, Middlesex.

From Professor L. Castillejo and Dr N. Dombey

Sir, In the parliamentary debate (*The Times*, May 3) on the choice of nuclear reactors Mr Varley stated that it was reasonably fair to say that the light water reactor was the cheapest option available. This is in terms of the estimated price per kilowatt-hour of electricity produced. An equally important figure which has never been calculated is the energy input per kilowatt-hour produced. Lord Rothschild in your columns last year estimated costs in agriculture in energy units; it is clearly basic in any discussion of future energy needs to do similar sums for power generation.

For example, the proponents of the Canadian Candu heavy water system claim that it produces twice as much electricity per pound of mined uranium as does a light water system. Again, the enrichment of uranium is very energy intensive; this energy input should therefore be a factor in the overall energy equation. Finally, the capital costs and presumably the energy costs of nuclear power stations in general are appreciably higher than those of coal and oil-fired stations. So when comparing these, the ratio of energy output to energy input should be calculated.

Yours sincerely,
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London, WC1.
NORMAN DOMBEY,
School of Mathematical and Physical Sciences,
The University of Sussex,
Falmer,
Brighton.

Shopkeepers' pay and conditions

From Mr Arthur G. Wells

Sir, When are people, and especially Mrs Shirley Williams, going to realize that a shopkeeper derives his income, and pays his employees, out of the profit that he makes on the goods he sells?

Legislation actual and proposed seems to indicate that while everybody else can have an increase in his wages, shopkeepers must take a cut.

Shopkeepers already work longer hours than anybody else, and without the benefit of "overtime" rates. They never get a weekend off; nor do they get "time-and-a-half" for working on Saturdays (and often on Sundays as well!). They act as unpaid workers for the Government in the collection of value-added tax, Pay As You Earn income tax and National Insurance. Now it seems that they are to be expected to subsidize people who have already had substantial increases in income and are often much better off than they are themselves.

I used to believe that the Labour Party stood for social justice, but I can see precious little justice in this.

Yours faithfully,
ARTHUR G. WELLS,
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Maidstone,
Kent ME15 8JR.

Lunch voucher use and abuse

From Mr James Spenceley

Sir, Did it ever enter Mr J. Carrick's head (Letters, May 2) that the hock of bacon bought entirely with luncheon vouchers last Saturday was to be boiled and made into sandwiches for my next week's lunches.

Because my luncheon vouchers do not cover the expense of buying made up sandwiches, and by making them myself, I can have two per day, instead of one.

Yours sincerely,
JAMES SPENCELEY,
97 Bruce Castle Road,
Tottenham, London, N17.

From Mr John Hack

Sir, I refer to the letter published in yesterday's issue (May 2) of *The Times* from Mr J. H. Carrick on the subject of "lunch vouchers".

It would appear from the letter written by Mr Carrick that there is a nationwide misuse of luncheon vouchers. There are a number of companies who run their own private luncheon voucher schemes, and whatever arrangements they may make regarding the use of these vouchers should not be confused with the issue of vouchers by Luncheon Vouchers Limited, the company which originated the scheme over 18 years ago.

A Luncheon Voucher is issued with the full backing of the Inland Revenue and a tax concession allowed up to 15p per person per day. I feel that the abuse your reader reports and his suggestion that these vouchers are used for all manner of purposes, thus defeating the original purpose of issuing them to provide a *bona fide* meal, is almost completely untrue. There are approximately 400,000 employees receiving a Luncheon Voucher issued by Luncheon Vouchers Limited every day, which are used for the original purpose.

It would be totally misleading for any of your readers to be in any way influenced by the incorrect statement made in Mr Carrick's letter. Finally, all restaurants accepting Luncheon Vouchers issued by this company know that they can be accepted for a *bona fide* meal only and any abuse by them will immediately render them unacceptable to Luncheon Vouchers Limited and exclude them from the directory of eating establishments accepting Luncheon Vouchers which is published by the company.

Yours faithfully,
JOHN HACK,
Managing Director,
Luncheon Vouchers Ltd,
22 Golden Square, London, W1.

From Mrs K. Clifton

Sir,—I should be obliged if Mr Carrick (May 2) would tell me where, in the City of London, I can purchase a *bona fide* meal for the sum of 15p a day, which is the maximum amount of luncheon voucher the Inland Revenue will allow an employee to have without deduction of income tax.

I suggest the Inland Revenue would be well employed to look at this 15p limit again, as with ham at 25p a quarter and apples 5p each, one can hardly provide oneself with a "packed lunch" for 15p!

Yours faithfully,
K. CLIFTON,
66 Osmond Gardens,
Wallington,
Surrey.

Developing the Co-operatives

From Mr Joshua Bamfield

Sir, Mr Hopwood's ("Clarifying the Co-op's ... tion on State aid", May 3) ... than helpful in clarifying ... possible role of a Co-op ... Development Agency.

The concept is admi... obscure. It was originally ... as a sort of IRC to reor... and finance the Co-ope... sector. But for an IRC to ... there has to be agreeme... what it can do. Co-ops a... agreed. The 1968 Regiona... for Co-ops has been aban... when it is far from comp... What has prevented its ... ment is not so much la... finance as lack of will, ... difficult to see what co... tion an IRC-type Co-op D... ment Agency can make, ... the lack of interest of th... ops in reorganization.

There is no real ev... either that Co-ops are s... short of finance. The... merely unwilling to ra... They probably could obt... the money they need from ... own resources, or from ... Market.

If cash is offered, it ... be refused, especially b... the amount of money is ... to be small and not wor... upset it will cause. ... greengrocer in the countr... feel his taxes are being u... "subsidize" the Co-op. ... there will be adverse co... on how the grants are ... paid out as excessively big ... dend or in donations to t... operative Party. Whether ... allegations are true will b... levant, but they will do co... able damage to the Co-ope... movement at a time when ... fast staging a recovery.

The real need for a C... to stimulate new fields ... operative endeavour, rather ... being poured into existing ... societies. Cooperation ... contribution to make in ... areas as housing, worker ... and credit co-ops. If the ... ernment sincerely wishes ... pand the boundaries of ... ownership by methods ... than state nationalizatio... operation seems an appro... candidate.

But if the CDA is to b... door relief for Co-op retai... eties, it is, and ought to ... dead duck.

These views are of cours... own and do not commit ... other body.

JOSHUA BAMFIELD,
Co-operative College,
Loughborough.

Air service for businessmen

From Mr A. E. Towler

Sir, I have just examine... latest British Airways tim... from the view of bu... journeys to Europe from ... chester. I am sorry to s... service is far worse than ... to be.

Many businessmen ... share my awareness and f... tion of having to trav... London and often hav... spend extra nights away ... base because of inad... direct flights from Manc... Even where they exist th... so timed as to make a day ... visit impossible. For ex... Paris (which has no less t... daily return flights fro... don) has one from Man... leaving at 10 am. The ... flight departs 35 minute... an outward flight arrive...

Brussels—the centre ... EEC affairs—has no d... flight until 17.30. It is th... daily flight so that an o... stop is inevitable, yet the ... time is only 1½ hours. T... Brussels on Monday m... one has to leave on Satu... travelling direct from ... chester. Otherwise, if go... London the earliest o... arrive is 11.30 am. By c... son Londoners can be th... 8.45 am.

One can continue thro... restricted list of direct ... from Manchester and fi... none leave before 10 am ... by the time one has t... and the people at the ot... have had lunch, one sits ... business in mid-afte... hardly a setting for ... go-getting competitive ... trading.

As London Airport ap... be under such pressu... would think that som... could be obtained by ... more use of Manchest... substantial proportion ... nessmen must come fr... north of England a... Midlands and deserve ... travelling facilities.

Yours faithfully,
A. E. TOWLER,
Building Design Partner,
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Moor Lane,
Preston PR1 3PQ.

SENA SUGAR ESTATES, LTD

Sena Sugar Estates, Limited, reports that, since Junta of National Salvation took over in Portuga... 25th April, normal production has been maintained i... Subsidiary's Sugar Refinery in Lisbon.

In Mocambique the two Sugar Factories are exp... to commence crushing during the third week of ... month.

Negotiations with the former Government for ... increase in the price of sugar were to have been concl... before the end of April. These negotiations are now b... actively continued with the Representatives of the ... and the Company expects to make an announcement i... near future.

The Company's banking operations with Mocamb... have not suffered interruption.

J. D. Hor...
Chair...
9th May.

BY THE FINANCIAL EDITOR

Dunlop chooses to hold the dividend

year's rubber market losses ot deflect the stock mar- concentration from Dun- dividend, and the fact that cing held at 5p was enough e the shares 2p higher on ay at 47p. Thus, we have re yielding just over 10.6 ent and selling on a p/e of just over 4 if the rubber are left aside. It is a which reflects the risks, so far Dunlop has said ng to alleviate worries the current year. are is no word yet about it fared during the three- week—though it might be ed that this caused fairly difficulties in the United lom—and the company has to say so far about pros- other than that it faces a ult year.

trading, the picture that ges from 1973 is that Euro- tyre markets became pro- vely more competitive, but industrial and consumer cts, especially in this ry, helped fill the gaps. did overseas operations. Italy, of course, excluded e moment, Latin America, ar East and Africa did well it was these areas that d the high margins. other point is interest es, up, so far as Dunlop ngs is concerned, by £6.2m 0.7m. But there are special rs here, notably currency ersions and the interest to on the Italian loans. Dun- accounts will apparently no increase in gearing— ust as well. shares remain a realistic le either on the view that p is finally pulling gh the post-Union trauma, at if it isn't someone else tep in to do the job.

p Holdings
: 1973 (1972)
alization £46.2m
£750m (£636m)
ax profits £35.7m (£39.9m)
ngs per share 11.4p* (12.42p)
end gross 5p (5p.
luding rubber market

op/Pirelli Union
: 1973 (1972)
£1,336m (£1,098m)
ax profits £65.5m (£38.5m)

al Dutch/Shell

ice resistance countered

two key points in the first ter statement from Royal h/Shell are that there was evidence of European con- r resistance to higher pro- prices during the period, that further price rises are sought.

far it is hard to say whether mer resistance is a signifi- factor behind rising stocks iddle distillates (fuel and l oils) in Europe. A mild er and supply shortages at al selling periods clearly played their part. t the fact that volume sales rude oil and products are not only over the first er of 1973 but also over the quarter of that year looks ficant. Implementation of er price increases in Ger- and France (as well as in probably) will show just elastic European demand r is.

thout these selling price ases, the position could from stock profit to stock given current margins of id 0.7p a gallon. So the al question is whether the et can absorb them. Ameri- *demand is proving highly* elastic, as Shell Oil has found, and the scope for energy economies there is still considerable.

Meanwhile it looks as though the £125m first quarter stock profits (including £15m from chemicals) are about the last. So, for estimating earnings the best assumption is that last year's exceptional final quarter and this year's exceptional first quarter cancel each other out.

That leaves Shell Transport and Trading shares on a p/e ratio of under 4½ at 228p where the yield is just under 7 per cent. They are unlikely to make much progress unless the second quarter figures say something more reliable about oil demand and crude costs.

"Shell" T & T
1st quarter 1974 (1973)
Capitalization £3,520m
Sales £3,260m (£1,695m)
Net income £319.1m (£114.7m)

Mothercare

Facing up to margin controls

Mothercare's preliminary figures caused some disappointment yesterday, with a 7p drop in the share price to 162p. But this probably reflected the appearance of an unduly optimistic broker's circular a few days in advance of the figures. For the pre-tax outcome of £6.9m was not significantly below most long-standing estimates. Margin restraint was one problem last year, and at the trading profit level margins were trimmed back from 17.8 to 17. There was also a marked slowdown in sales growth, from a rate of 27 per cent in the first to 17 per cent in the second half. However, this covered the period of the three-day week when the group was facing considerable stock shortages.

At the pre-tax level profits have been flattered by £250,000 from property disposals, as well as a £300,000 rise in interest received. Stripping out the second half disposals leaves profits barely 6 per cent up for the period, boosted by improvements overseas.

For the current year the group would appear to be relatively well placed given its much vaunted cost control abilities and opportunities for further physical growth. But this looks already appreciated in a p/e ratio of 15.7.

Final 1973-74 (1972-73)
Capitalization £51.8m
Sales £39.6m (£32.6m)
Pre-tax profits £6.9m (£5.8m)
Earnings per share 10.29p (10.73p)
Dividend gross 5.9p (5p)

Lloyds and Scottish

Containing the setback

Lloyds & Scottish has earned a reputation for getting its funding decisions right (or at any rate not too wrong) more often than most finance houses. That, plus its clearing bank backing, stood it in good stead during the six months to March 31 and helped it to contain the fall in pre-tax profits at 13.5 per cent. Compare and contrast the 55 per cent setback at Mercantile Credit.

Yet financing tactics alone do not wholly explain the difference between the two performances. L & S also benefited from its low gearing and the absence of such unhelpful assets as large money market investments and equity stakes in motor distributors and property companies.

Though there was a fall in British Relay's profits contribution, which was for the six months to last October, this was caused entirely by higher financing costs—paid, in large part, to L & S. Although the decision to establish a multi-million pound tax loss in that shareholding serves as a reminder of its costliness, British Relay's value as a lending outlet has been some compensation.

The figures allowed the shares to consolidate an early gain and close 10p up at 66p yesterday. Here they seem to be counting on little if any deterioration in second-half profits, since they are already selling at about 10½ times fully taxed earnings for the past 12 months, while the 6½ per cent yield is unexciting.

Given the extremely limited scope for volume growth at present, it would probably need a fairly sharp fall in interest rates to give margins the boost that the share price seems to be anticipating. But in that case a share like Mercantile would look even more attractive. And without a downturn in rates, the market must ask whether it is not paying rather a lot for L & S's contra-cyclical characteristics, impressive though these are.

Interim 1973-74 (1972-73)
Capitalization £57.3m
Pre-tax profits £5.02m (£5.80m)
Dividend gross, 1.88p (1.8p)

Automotive Products

The fall in car registrations

The story at Automotive Products last year was one of slipping United Kingdom car registrations, made worse by the oil crisis, turning a 67½ per cent jump in first-half pre-tax profits into a 5½ per cent second-half fall, for a 15½ per cent improvement over the year.

Now AP expresses "cautious optimism" after an 8 per cent across-the-board price rise in February allowed enough profit in March just to offset unquantified losses in the first two months of 1974. The situation was not unexpected given the fall by a third in new car registrations in the first eight weeks of this year, due largely to the oil shortage and the three-day week.

What that has done to margins since the end of 1973, when they were virtually static, is anyone's guess. But if AP is talking in terms of further price increases being necessary by the middle of this year and barely six months after the February improvement, then cost inflation is clearly not slowing down.

However, if new car registrations are below the 1m mark this year, then AP can take some comfort from a large part of its original equipment business being concentrated on smaller economic cars. And though average milage this year will certainly be less than in recent years, AP's increasing replacement sales should be a stabilizing factor while commercial vehicles are holding up well.

Even so, the lesson to be learnt from Lucas's huge losses in the first month of three-day working ought not to be forgotten and there is no hurry to buy AP's shares at 39p, on a p/e ratio of 4.4 and yielding 5.3 per cent.

Final: 1973 (1972)
Capitalization £14.6m
Sales £69.15m (£61.26m)
Pre-tax profits £6.09m (£5.27m)
Earnings per share 8.9p (7.5p)
Dividend gross 2.067p (1.969p)

The Shell-Mex/BP formula for dividing by two

The division of Britain's largest and most powerful petrol and oil marketing organization—Shell-Mex and BP—into two independent trading identities is entering its final but most difficult stage. Already much has been done to split the joint United Kingdom marketing arm of the two largest British-based oil companies which was established in 1932.

All the 12,700 petrol retailing outlets have been divided into the Shell or BP/National brands strictly in accordance with the 60/40 holdings in the company by the two parent organizations. The much larger industrial fuel market has been carved up on the same basis with Shell getting the lion's share.

Road tankers are now apportioned on the same basis and painted in the distinctive liveries of the individual groups. But the companies still operate out of distribution depots serving both brands and these terminals are supplied by jointly owned railway wagons, pipelines and coastal tankers and barges.

The splitting of this part of the operation to serve the separate Shell and BP marketing operations is now occupying the minds of a high-powered operations executive at Shell-Mex and BP's headquarters in London's Strand. Their objective is to have two separate but interdependent distribution organizations working by June of next year.

The division of the joint computer operations is also going ahead and on top of this Shell-Mex and BP still have to tackle the relatively simple task of splitting up a number of head office services and the most demanding job of sharing the small number of extremely large volume industrial contracts—such as those for power stations and steel works—without altering the delicate balance of the overall split in the industrial market.

Provided that the transition of the distribution and computer operations throws up no last minute hitches, by January 1 1976, there should be two self-contained marketing organizations—Shell Marketing, generating 60 per cent of the group's profits and BP Marketing contributing 40 per cent.

Both would be wholly-owned subsidiaries of Shell Mex and BP but at this stage the parent companies could easily absorb these separate United Kingdom marketing companies into their central operations. No decision has yet been taken on the ultimate fate of the 42-year-old joint trading group but it is generally acknowledged that its end is only a matter of time.

Once the two shareholding companies can be assured that the regrouping of the distribution side of the business is going to be success, then the path will be clear for a final parting of the ways. Shell and BP took the first step towards the break-up of their United Kingdom marketing operations in 1971. The companies claimed that the separation into independent brands would stimulate competition and ultimately benefit the profits of the parent groups.

The whole United Kingdom scene has altered dramatically since the first moves towards seperation were made. The North Sea is now a proven oil producing province and both Shell and BP have made huge discoveries that will be yielding high quality crude by the time the separation of the brands is complete.

Each company has its own refineries that operate outside the control of Shell-Mex and BP so they would both have the opportunity of creating a fully integrated and independent United Kingdom network from production to marketing.

Apart from the rapid development of the North Sea, the other factor that has changed significantly since 1971, is the potential demand for oil products that the separate Shell and BP organizations will sell. But Mr H. B. Greenborough, chief executive of Shell-Mex and BP, says that last winter's oil supply crisis and the effect this must have on the long-term demand for products, in no way alters the schedule for separation.

Mr Greenbrough, who headed the Oil Industry Emergency committee that controlled Britain's oil refining and distribution industry during the supply crisis, admits that in certain oil product markets the separate companies cannot look to the extravagant growth rates of the past.

The Shell-Mex and BP group has already seen a 2 per cent downturn in demand because the rapid escalation of oil prices has forced industry to reappraise its energy needs.

"I believe we are going to see growth in the markets for petrochemical feedstocks and transportation fuels where there are no viable alternatives while little growth could be expected in demand for heavier oils", he said.

In one direction—the streaming of the distribution network—the energy crisis and soaring prices has been of positive benefit to the operations groups planning the new-look network.

Before the price explosion last October calculations based on three dollar-a-barrel landed oil showed that the streaming of the distribution network could have an undesirable effect on overall costs, which ran completely in the face of the planners' main objective which was to achieve the new organization without adding significantly to operating costs.

But with oil at $10 a barrel and petrol retailing at over 55p a gallon, the extra one-tenth of a penny a gallon attributable to increased transportation and handling costs is more easily absorbed.

A complicated formula is being devised to distribute the depots owned by Shell-Mex and BP so that both the separated brands can continue to offer the same delivery service to their customers. This is of prime importance since, in the industrial market particularly, reliability of supplies is almost as vital as price.

Four of the largest terminals will continue to be shared so that independent operations on the sites can be developed for each brand if required in the future. Where possible, individual brands have been given exclusive rights to terminals but in many cases this is not possible and the designated owner and operator of the terminal has to provide storage and handling facilities for the tanker fleets of his "guest".

One of the final operations will be the apportionment of the large industrial contracts. Power station supplies play such a large part in the industrial fuel market that the whole brand streaming system has to have built-in methods of fine adjustment so that the 60/40 split can be achieved accurately.

In the petrol market this has already been undertaken once with the transfer of over 1,000 National stations to the Shell brand. The same thing will undoubtedly take place in the industrial market before Shell-Mex and BP disappears forever.

Roger Vielvoye

Kenneth Owen examines the problems of energy storage

Building electricity banks

You can store oil in tanks; you can store gas in gasholders: but you cannot store electricity in anything—not economically, universally and in large quantities, that is. For the future it would be highly desirable if we could do this; what are the lines of technology most likely to succeed?

This, in essence, was one of the subjects raised and discussed earlier this week at the international conference on "Energy. Europe and the 1980s" held in London by the Institution of Electrical Engineers. Possibilities for the future were described by speakers from the Central Electricity Generating Board and from the Battelle Research Centre, Geneva.

Although the phrase "energy crisis" is generally taken to mean the problem of ensuring sufficient energy resources to meet the increasing overall demand, there is a secondary but important problem. This is matching the electricity supply to a demand which fluctuates according to the time of day and the season of the year.

Consumption of electrical energy within the European Community is expected to quadruple from 1970 to 1990. Consumption in the domestic sector, it is estimated, will grow sixfold over the same period, increasing from 40 per cent to 60 per cent of the total.

Since it is this sector which is largely responsible for the peak power demand—at breakfast time, in the early evening, and at the end of the "Miss World" contest on television, according to the CEGB—the problem of matching supply and demand will get worse.

At present the general pattern is to use the most economical power stations to meet the base lo', bringing in older thermal plant, pumped hydroelectric storage and gas turbine units for the peaks.

In many cases plants operate below full output so that they can increase power rapidly should a generator set or transmission line fail. This "spinning reserve" costs the CEGB about £4m a year now, and could rise to £15m in the 1980s.

Pumped hydroelectricity is the only significant storage system available at present. Electricity generated during quiet periods is used to pump water into an upper reservoir, from which the water is released at peak periods to drive hydroelectric turbines.

Ideally, a storage device would be located near the peak-power consumers, to reduce transmission losses (which take about 7 per cent of total electricity generated at present). Again, in the ideal case it would store the energy as electricity, to reduce conversion and reconversion losses, but more usually the stored energy is in thermal, mechanical or chemical form.

Electrical energy storage is possible but impracticable at present. This could be done magnetically, using superconducting coils in which, at very low temperatures, electric current would circulate with no resistance losses.

The specific capital cost of such a scheme would decrease as the size of the machine increased, but would approach a reasonable figure only at sizes regarded as too large for practical use.

Energy storage in a strong electric field, ie, in a capacitor, is also possible. It would demand materials of high dielectric strength, storage life would be small, and the release of energy would be difficult to control in large installations.

Thermal storage in the form of off-peak electric central heating using storage radiators is in widespread use. It has been responsible for a significant improvement in the daily load factor, Dr A. B. Hart and Dr J. K. Wright of the CEGB reported at the conference. But the end-product is heat, not electricity.

Proposals to use high-temperature heat reservoirs (such as fluidized sand beds) in which the stored heat would be used to raise steam and drive turbo-alternators are being investigated at present. Capital costs should be comparable to those of conventional fossil-fueled plant.

Mechanical energy methods include gravity (ie, the pumped hydroelectric storage mentioned earlier), pressure, and rotation.

Pressure storage has been proposed as a means of increasing the fuel efficiency of gas turbines. Air compressed during off-peak periods and stored in underground caverns could increase the electrical output of a gas turbine by a factor of two or three on the same quantity of fossil fuel.

Dr K. D. Beccu, of Battelle, told the conference that the Swedish State Power Board was exploring a scheme which would store some 240MW as compressed air in a network of tunnels blasted out of granite, and special gas turbines for this purpose were being developed.

The kinetic energy of a rotating flywheel can also be used to provide storage. Steel flywheels could meet the CEGB's spinning reserve, but modern lightweight, high-strength composite materials have greater potential.

A flywheel system would, for safety reasons, have to be housed in a sealed enclosure and coupled directly to a generator-motor. It would operate in an atmosphere of inert gas of low pressure in order to reduce air-friction losses.

A 12-15ft diameter flywheel weighing 100-200 tons and rotating at 3,500 rpm, Dr Beccu said, would store 10-20 megawatt-hours at full charge.

Safety problems with flywheels could be severe. Dr Hart and Dr Wright mention that the sudden disruption of a 1,000-MWh flywheel would give an explosion equivalent to 860 tons of high explosive.

Various types of electrochemical (battery) storage devices are available and under development. Large lead/acid batteries are widely used at power stations for emergency use, but their capital cost is too high to be acceptable for storage use.

The sodium/sulphur battery, which is being developed for traction use, could be adapted for large scale electrical power storage. But, the CEGB authors suggest, the less developed lithium/chloride battery might be more suitable. Problems of materials, corrosion and manufacturing technology remain.

Work at Battelle's Geneva research centre on a "dissolved redox system" (redox is an abbreviation for oxidation-reduction) showed great promise, Dr Beccu reported. This relies on the reversible oxidation and reduction of ions dissolved in an aqueous electrolyte.

The energy storage occurs by pumping the discharged solution through an electrolyte cell, and by storing the "charged" solution in separate tanks.

Such systems, the Battelle scientist concluded, would perform well and would be economically competitive with present alternative methods. A considerable research and development effort remained to be accomplished, but the potential business to follow could amount to thousands of millions of dollars.

Business Diary: Broking Ho! o Holloway stars

ng the younger folk ahead least one of the reasons d the reshuffle at stock- rs Hoare & Co, Govett. from the chairmanship 61-year-old Leo Seymour— fellow directors follow ff the main board, too—and top spot as non-executive man goes Ben Yeats Brown, 10 years his junior. Most e new five-man central will be in their forties, the stockbroking board to tablished beneath it will an average age in the late es.

the reshuffle is clearly simply a question of the r citizens making way for ext generation. What has ne evident to the Hoare tors is that being one of the major broking houses now nds a big management with directors spending time as administrators than ockbrokers. So one of the s Seymour and his col- es achieve in relinquishing board positions is getting to stockbroking proper— of course, retaining a close n what is going on as com- shareholders.

e restructuring has even er significance. Not only there be a stockbroking l below the main board but the Auresco board, repre- ng the group's research t. And as Auresco expands non-Stock Exchange clien- for its research, it seems its board may be supple- ed by outside directors. t, contrary to some market urs, that there is any cur- intention of looking for out- capital to inject into the y research company. As utside clientele grows (and Stock Exchange rules per- that is a possibility that well have its attractions for the moment there is rently no need. However cult the past few months have been for brokers, Hoare still expects to remain in profit for its year ending on June 1. The profit will be well down on last year's net profit of £498,000, but it will have been achieved without major overhead cuts and after providing in full for any potential liability arising out of the problems of Cornhill Consolidated.

Leading part

Actor Jack Holloway will take the starring role in a new production in Jersey next week. Holloway is known to millions by voice rather than name as Ralph Bellamy, the business-man-squire of Ambridge in BBC Radio's *The Archers*.

He is also the chairman-elect of the Guild of Architectural Ironmongers, and will succeed John Kent in that office at the guild's annual conference in Jersey, which begins on Wednesday.

Holloway combines his acting career with the managing directorship of the family firm, the Birmingham architectural ironmongers, Walker & Wood.

Bellamy is a bit of a dab hand at rubbing up the Ambridge locals the wrong way. What Holloway has to say in his inaugural address may not please some people in the building and exhibition industry. One of Holloway's themes is the need to rebuild the links between his members and architects, links rather shaken during the recent RIBA tensions.

Another theme, however, has been the need to question the value to guild members of Interbuild, the International Building Exhibition. Holloway, it is thought, might suggest that the guild start an exhibition of its own, starting perhaps with the 1975 guild meeting at Harrogate.

Holloway began broadcasting nearly 20 years ago, and although his voice is now best known for his *Archers* work, he was until the BBC chopped regional radio in 1971 a regular announcer and newsreader for BBC Midland Region.



Jack Holloway: voice of architectural ironmongering

Blocked

The Governors of the United States Federal Reserve System have refused the Franklin New York Corporation, owners of the Franklin National Bank, permission to acquire the Talcott National Corporation, striking another blow at the expansionist ambitions of one of the world's most powerful and most secretive international financiers—Michele Sindona.

Sindona owns about 20 per cent of Franklin, the twenty-first largest bank in the United States, and he owns 52 per cent of Talcott, the eleventh largest independent commercial finance company and fourth largest independent factoring company in America. He is determined to hang on to both of these holdings despite the Fed's ruling. The Fed stated that "the proposal would eliminate some potential competition" although adding that the board did consider this case to be "a marginal one".

Sindona's name is not mentioned in the five-page Fed ruling, but the Fed's decision is bound to strengthen the opinion of those who have long contended that the United States authorities are somewhat cautious about Sindona's affairs. He controls banks, companies and assorted financial institutions across the world and was once described by *Fortune* magazine as Italy's answer to Howard Hughes.

Court cash

Hugh Scanlon's Amalgamated Union of Engineering Workers may not recognize the existence of the National Industrial Relations Court, but they seem to do pretty well out of the actions they choose to pursue in other courts.

The current issue of *The Way*, the monthly paper of the union's engineering section, says that during March alone union solicitors secured 599 settlements for industrial injuries, worth £337,994. In the first three months of this year, the total was 1,589 settlements, worth £978,796, compared with 1,495 settlements worth £833,560 during the same period last year.

In demand

George Shultz, who officially left office as the United States Secretary of the Treasury yesterday, has already accepted a couple of jobs and is in line for several more.

Shultz, who has been replaced by William Simon at the Treasury, is to become executive vice-president of Bechtel Corporation, a large private construction concern in San Francisco.

Shultz, who used to be dean of the University of Chicago Business School, will also be rejoining the university part-time, where he will write an analysis on the management of public policy.

Checking up

A Business Diary reader took an American cheque into a London clearing bank and asked for it to be credited to his account. He was given a form to sign, which said in part, "Instructions must be entered in this box, ie 'Protest' or 'No protest'."

When he asked what this meant, the cashier didn't know, but did say that nothing could be done until he had signed. As neither he nor the cashier knew what it meant, our man rang the bank's head office, where he was told: "It's just a simple banking term that everybody knows."

Whether everybody knows or not, and apparently some cashiers don't, the eventual explanation was that signifying "Protest" means that if the bank fails to collect the money from America, the customer objects to refunding the money and the bank's expenses, and if he or she writes "No Protest" then he or she does not.

However, said the bank, most people sign, whether they know what it means or not. Unless the signatory specifies to the contrary, the bank is absolved of liability for any loss or delay other than due to the negligence or default of the clearing bank.

On the dotted line below, the form, which is for collection of foreign cheques and credit in sterling, says in red type "if not signed above by customer, print name in block capitals".

The John Lewis Partnership

Results for the year ended 26th January 1974

The Partnership's sales rose by £37 million to £209 million. Of that increase department stores contributed £20 million and Waitrose supermarkets £16 million.

Gross margin, as a percentage of sales, was appreciably lower than in the previous year both for Waitrose and for department stores. Throughout the year the Partnership exercised comprehensive restraint against potential increases in retail prices and offered its customers the lowest prices that in its judgment could safely and reasonably be borne.

Trading expenses rose sharply as did charges for interest and taxation so that the balance available for profit sharing and reserves increased only fractionally from £11,648,000 in 1972/73 to £11,675,000.

The whole of the Partnership's equity is held in trust for all those who work in the business (Partners). Profits, after interest and preference dividends and after providing proper reserves, are distributed among all Partners in proportion to their pay. For 1973/74 £6,447,000 was put to reserve and £3,733,000, 15 per cent of pay, was distributed as Partnership Bonus among 23,000 Partners.

Sales for the first ten weeks of 1974/75 are up by 15 per cent. Within this total department store sales are up by 7 per cent, and the Waitrose sales are up by 35 per cent.

	1973/74 £000's	1972/73 £000's	1964/65 £000's
SALES	209,387	172,494	58,192
TRADING PROFIT after depreciation	16,537	15,084	4,324
PROFIT after interest	14,612	13,705	3,613
BALANCE after taxation and preference dividends	11,675	11,648	2,344
USE OF BALANCE			
Contributed to Pensions and Life Assurance Funds	1,495	2,265	588
Addition to reserves	6,447	5,486	384
Partnership Bonus	3,733	3,897	1,172
As a percentage of pay	(15%)	(18%)	(13%)
CAPITAL EMPLOYED AT THE END OF THE YEAR	82,629	76,428	35,948
AVERAGE NUMBER EMPLOYED (weighted for part-time workers)	(20,900)	(19,800)	(15,200)

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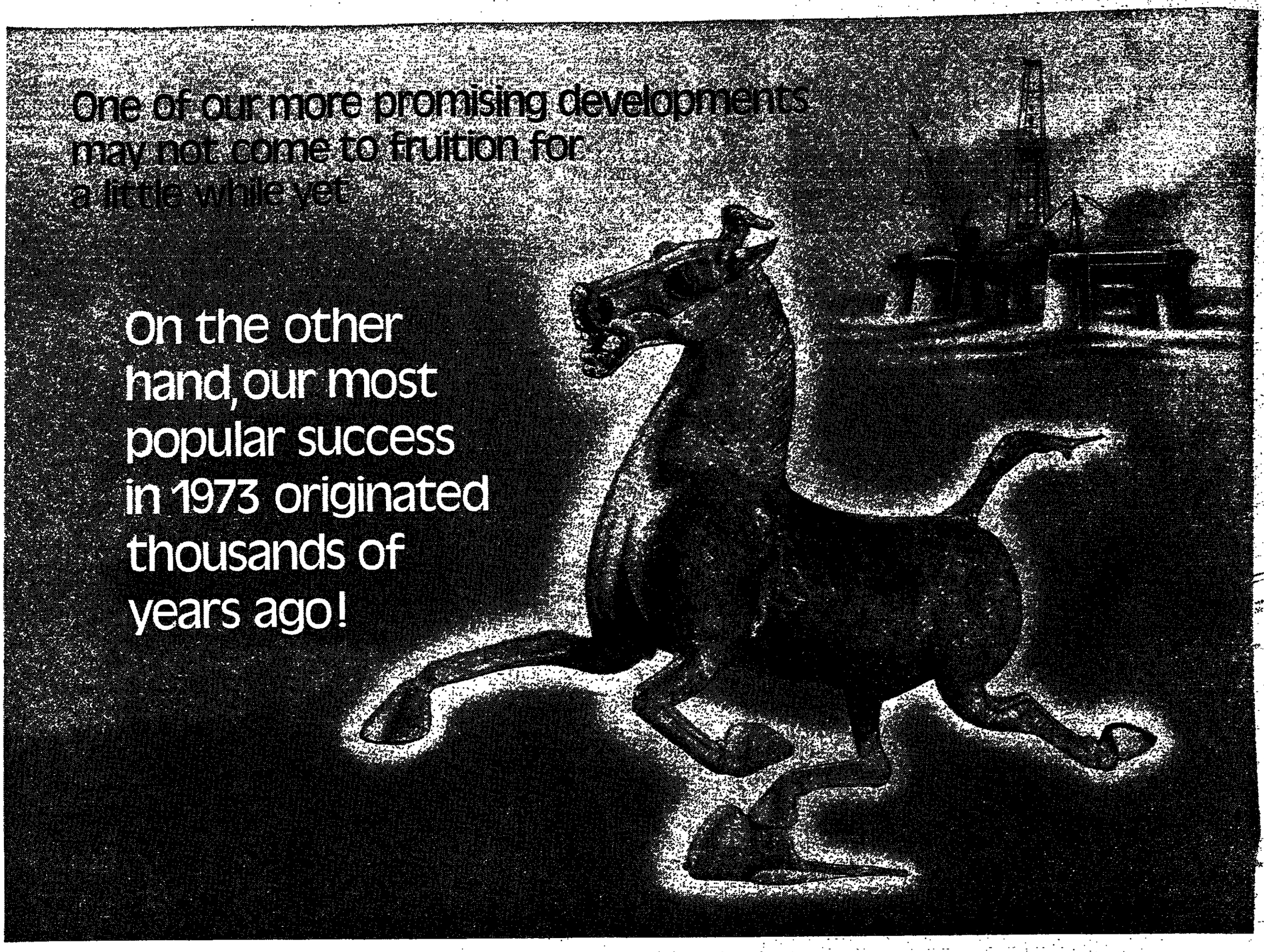
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The Flying Horse of Kansu, loaned by the People's Republic of China for the Chinese Exhibition which was sponsored by The Times and The Sunday Times at the Royal Academy.

As anticipated, the results for 1973 show a significant improvement over the previous year. The profits achieved were the highest in the company's history. In general, most of our activities benefited from the growth in the national economy, which began in the second half of 1972, and which continued throughout the year. 1973 would have been an outstanding year, but for the difficulties encountered by the travel companies, costly industrial disputes, and the effects of newsprint shortage in the last quarter.

The development of the Piper Oilfield in the North Sea has been pursued with the utmost urgency and the target which has been set by the Occidental Petroleum Corporation, the operators for the Consortium, still aims to produce oil by early 1975. There have been and still are delays, but providing the strenuous efforts are sustained it is still possible that the original target will be achieved.

1974 is likely to prove a difficult year. In the medium and long term, however, there is much to sustain our confidence. We are widely based and strongly diversified; we are well spread in our activities, both here and overseas; and we can anticipate a significant benefit in the years ahead from our opportunities in North Sea oil. Though the immediate future is difficult, the future is bright, perhaps very bright.

	Turnover £'000	Trading Profit £'000	Taxation £'000	Profit after Tax before Extra-ordinary Items £'000	Extra-ordinary Items £'000	Profit after Tax £'000	Earnings per share p
1973	175,673	15,179	7,484	5,469	215	5,684	12.28
1972	133,601	11,466	4,322	5,564	2,476	8,040	9.82*
% change	+31.5	+32.4	+73.2	—1.7	—91.3	—29.3	+25.1

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Uncertainty cuts bonus by 5pc at John Lewis

Patricia Tisdall

Bonuses within the John Lewis partnership were cut by 5 per cent last year because of uncertainties in the economic outlook. Commenting on the annual report and accounts, issued yesterday, Mr John Sadler, finance director, said that the central board felt strongly that the partnership should retain more reserves and distribute less in bonuses than would probably have been the case if the immediate future looked brighter. A total of £3,732,694 was distributed as bonuses during 1972/73, the equivalent of 15 per cent of pay, a drop from £3,897,431.

Warnings were also given that further cuts could be expected when government restrictions on retailers' profits take effect. Mr Peter Lewis, chairman of the P, said the restrictions might cost the group £4m of the £10m-£15m profit which it would otherwise expect to make in 1974/75.

Mr Lewis personally has received a £3,871 salary and partnership bonus during the year under review from his salary of £3,083.

Trading profit for the group increased by 9.6 per cent to £3,537,000 last year, the largest part of which came from department stores. The contribution from the Waitrose chain of supermarkets rose from £1.8m to £2m.

Total sales went up by 21 per cent to £209m for the year ended January 26. Within this total, sales in department stores increased by 17 per cent to £139m and sales in the supermarkets by 32 per cent to £66m.

A loan of £6,184,367 from the partnership's pension fund was repaid in February last year and was replaced by a loan from a bank.

Public opinion demands food price controls, wholesalers are warned

By Hugh Clayton

Mr Joel Barnett, chief secretary to the Treasury, told food wholesalers yesterday that price control was essential because public opinion demanded it. Food traders were in the forefront of the battle against inflation and should expect to play their part in fighting it.

However, this did not mean the Government was discriminating against food distributors, he told the annual conference of the National Federation of Wholesale Grocers and Provision Merchants.

He reminded his audience that profit ceilings of all distributors were to be cut. His remarks formed a reply to criticism from the food industry that the controls laid down in the Prices Bill bore more heavily on food than on other sectors.

"The public expects the Government to do its duty", he said. "We do not propose to let them down. Price reductions, especially food price reductions, are expected.

"The measures we have taken attempt to strike a balance between the interests of manufacturers and distributors on the one hand and those of consumers on the other."

He stressed the Government's acceptance of the view that the private sector could expect to see a reasonable prospective return on capital employed.

"But in the current climate of opinion—not to mention the current rate of inflation—whatever a particular government may think, public opinion demands price control."

Mr Barnett said the Prices Bill and the changes in the Price and Pay Code were meant to "keep the tightest possible grip on prices, given the increases already in the pipeline, and to see that the benefits are concentrated on the consumers who need it most.

"This is not only of crucial importance in itself but should also help us to create the right environment for achieving voluntary pay settlements on the lines that the TUC is advocating."

But the Government had been careful to prepare safeguards for traders, especially those with low turnover.

Mr Barnett said he rejected the idea of a statutory policy for pay because it put a straitjacket on negotiations.

Food index down: The food price index compiled for *The Grocer* by Hoare & Co. Govett, shows a drop of 0.52 per cent on the week and a rise of more than 15 per cent on the year. This is the second weekly drop in succession and is attributed mainly to the effects of the increased milk subsidy.

Farnborough air show stands fully booked

By Arthur Reed
Air Correspondent

The Farnborough Air Show has sold out of exhibition space with four months still to go until its opening on September 2, the Society of British Aerospace Companies, the organizers, announced yesterday.

More than 350 individual stands have now been reserved and more than 400 companies have said they will be represented. Companies applying for stand space are being placed on a waiting list.

This will be the first time the Farnborough show has been opened to all comers. There are expected to be 15,000 trade guests with more than a quarter of a million people visiting on the public days.

Ten of the leading aerospace nations will be represented, among them the United States. The Department of Commerce is sponsoring the largest display of aerospace equipment and technology from that country ever assembled in Britain.

Nearly 70 American aircraft product and service companies will participate. More than 20 French companies plan a joint exhibit.

Aircraft entered to date include the Concorde supersonic airliner, the Lockheed TriStar and European A300 airbuses, the Anglo-West German-Italian multi-role combat aircraft, the Short SD 3-30 airliner, the Hawker Siddeley Hawk jet trainer, the McDonnell Douglas F15 Eagle fighter, the Northrop F5E Tiger and the European Alpha Jet.

At Farnborough work is now well advanced on extensions to accommodate the bigger show. The covered exhibition has been extended to 250,000 square feet. A new plateau of 75,000 feet is being constructed for outdoor radar, space and missile displays.

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Bank named in $180m IOS suits

New York, May 9.—The Bank of New York and the law firm of Willkie Farr and Gallagher are among defendants in two suits filed yesterday in a federal district court alleging that more than $180m (£75m) was wrongfully drained from various mutual funds of IOS Ltd, controlled by Mr Bernard Cornfeld and later by Mr Robert Vesco, now a fugitive financier.

Both of Wednesday's private suits list as plaintiffs Fund of Funds, its subsidiary, FOF Proprietary Funds—and IOS Growth Fund. IOS Growth and Fund of Funds are both in liquidation.

Defendants in the suit are: Vesco and two associates, Mr Norman P. Leblanc and Mr Milton F. Meissner. Mr Allan P. Conwill, a partner of Willkie Farr, Willkie Farr and the Bank of New York.—AP-Dow Jones.

Business appointments

Mr Hugh Gregson on Chloride main board

Mr Hugh Gregson has been appointed to the Chloride Group main board. He is chairman of the group's overseas division.

Mr H. van Doodewaerd and Mr J. Veldman have joined the board of Akzo NV. Mr J. S. A. J. M. van Aken resigns from the supervisory council, having reached retirement age. Mr R. M. H. van Boven, Mr E. L. Fuller and Mr Y. Schohen, who retired by rotation from the supervisory council, have been re-elected.

Mr Murray Morr has become managing director of Australian Polymer Products Pty.

Mr D. S. Morpeth has been appointed a deputy chairman of the Clerical, Medical & General Life Assurance Society.

Professor G. Howell has joined the board of Applied Research of Cambridge.

Mr J. W. Webber has been made manager, United Kingdom and EEC relations, for the Canadian Chamber of Commerce, Montreal, with offices in London, at the Canada-United Kingdom Chamber of Commerce, in accord with the recent alliance between the two organizations.

Mr S. M. Smith, of D. M. Doig & Smith has been elected chairman of the Scottish branch of the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors. The new senior vice-chairman is Mr J. W. Murdoch, of John Speir & Co. Mr G. M. Thomson, of G. M. Thomson & Co, was re-elected honorary secretary.

Mr John Tyson has been made deputy financial adviser to the Electricity Council from June 1, in succession to Mr Lawrence Parry, who is retiring.

Mr H. J. Blackboro, chairman and managing director of Fisons Pty, Australia, is appointed to the board of Fisons pharmaceutical division.

Mr E. A. Heywood has been appointed United Kingdom sales director of Seitz-Werke GmbH.

Mr R. J. Fleischman has been made managing director of GAF (Great Britain).

Mr G. A. Smith, director of commercial services for The Plessey Co on its corporate staff, has been elected president of the council of the Electronic Engineering Association in succession to Mr R. R. C. Rankin.

Mr R. C. Clarke has been appointed director, sales and market development, and Mr G. R. Thompson director, management services, for Perkins Engines. The supply function at Perkins Engines has been divided into three divisions. Mr V. F. Fraying becomes director, logistics; Mr R. G. Hadnam, purchasing director; and Mr B. P. Dyer combines manufacturing planning, with acting director, production operations.

Mr H. M. F. Barnes and Mr R. B. Morgan have joined the boards of Sterling Offices and Rendtorff, Worrall & Co, Mr Barnes as managing director of Sterling and as chairman and a managing director of Rendtorff. Mr E. J. W. Lovett becomes chairman of Sterling while remaining a managing director of that company and of Rendtorff. He also joins the board of J. Arpel & Co. Mr R. G. H. Roberts is a deputy managing director of Sterling, and Mr D. L. Coleman has been made a director of Sterling, with Mr B. Burnside, Mr T. A. Castell, Mr P. E. Powell, Mr J. D. Siddall and Mr P. E. Thorburn, named associate directors.

Mr Howard Dewhirst has been appointed chief geologist of Trans Ocean Oil (UK) Inc.

Mr Bernard Boxall has joined the board of the Lancer Boss Group.

Mr Geoffrey Baylis, deputy editor of the Evening Chronicle, Newcastle, has been appointed editor of the Evening Post, Luton.

Mr C. P. Glasson has become director of the filing systems and stationery division of Twinlock.

Mr V. H. Johnson has joined the board of Investment and Property Holdings as non-executive director.

Mr H. S. Butterworth, managing director of Burmah-Castrol, has been elected president of the Motor & Cycle Trades Benevolent Fund.

Mr A. V. Adey, deputy chairman and managing director of the Mercantile Credit Co, becomes deputy president.

Mr Philip Vanstone has been made managing director of Mack & Edwards (Heston).

Mr H. B. Harper and Mr S. J. Porter are joining the board of Midland Montagu Leasing. Mr Harper will also become chief executive of Forward Leasing, a subsidiary. Mr W. H. K. Matthews will become regional director, south, at Forward Leasing.

Mr L. V. D. Tindale, Mr John Eccles and Dr D. V. Arterton have joined the board of Finance for Industry. Lord Sherfield is retiring on August 6 as chairman of Finance for Industry, Finance Corporation for Industry and the Industrial and Commercial Finance Corporation and its associated companies. He will be succeeded in these posts by Lord Seebohm. Mr L. V. D. Tindale will succeed Lord Seebohm as deputy chairman of Finance for Industry.

Following the reorganization of the Kentucky Organ Co, Mr Peter Pelling, Mr Tony Dance and Mr Malcolm Parkin have been appointed directors.

Mr A. Allington has been named vice-president and general manager of Chemical Bank Belgium in place of Mr O'D. Paterson, who is retiring.

Mr Frederick Bown, London manager of the pump and compressor division of Hamworthy Engineering has been made chairman of the South-east branch of the Institute of Marine Engineers.

Mr G. A. Smith has been elected president of the council of the Electronic Engineering Association in succession to Mr R. R. C. Rankin. Mr Smith is the director, commercial services, of The Plessey Co.

Mr Tim Bishop has been made a director of Arthur Young Management Services.

Mr E. R. Strang has become a director of Petrol Injection.

Mr Stephen Wollosiin has joined the board of Boyds London.

COMPANY MEETING

PENGKALEN LIMITED

Extracts from the Statement of the Chairman, Mr J. T. CHAPPEL, C.B.E., F.I.M.M., circulated with the Report and Accounts for the year ended September 30, 1973.

The accounts for 1972/3 show a profit, before taxation, of £301,061, substantially lower than the record profit in 1971/2. This result is, however, still very satisfactory when compared to the years prior to 1971/2 and has been obtained despite a reduction in output of approximately 25%.

The tax charge for the year is £205,037, including approximately £42,000 representing unrelieved tax credits. After taking into account Transitional Relief, the balance available for dividend from the year's profits is £106,874. Your Directors have therefore declared total dividends of 6.5 pence per share (equivalent to 9.4 pence on a gross basis) leaving £95,624 to be carried forward to 1973/4.

Production during the first six months of the current year amounted to 181.89 tons compared with 167.19 tons during the same period in the previous year, but the dredge will be passing through an area of low grade tailings for approximately three months during the second half of the year, and the overall production for the twelve months is therefore not expected to reach the higher levels of the past two years. However, the much higher tin prices now ruling will help to offset the effect on profits of the lower production.

ENGLISH & SCOTTISH INVESTORS LIMITED

MANAGERS AND SECRETARIES:

GARTMORE INVESTMENT LIMITED

Five Year Record

Year to 31st January	Gross Revenue £	Gross Dividend Per Ordinary Share p.	Net Asset Value per 25p Share p
1970	632,410	3.00	119
1971	633,700	3.25	116
1972	571,505	3.38	166
1973	617,388	3.50	186
1974	912,596	4.00	158

	Movement % 31.1.73 to 31.1.74
Performance	
Net Asset Value per 25p Share	—15.1
Financial Times Index	—31.7
Dow Jones Index (adjusted for dollar premium and currency movements)	— 0.7

Geographical Distribution of Portfolio

Equities:	%
United Kingdom	37.0
North America	24.5
Far East and Australia	8.5
Africa	10.2
Other Countries	0.5
	80.7
Net Current Assets	19.3
	100.0%

UNILEVER N.V.

DIVIDEND ON CERTIFICATES FOR ORDINARY SHARES
issued by
N.V. NEDERLANDSCH ADMINISTRATIE—EN TRUSTKANTOOR

A final dividend in respect of the year 1973 of Fl.3.78 per Fl.20 nominal amount of Ordinary Capital of Unilever N.V. has been declared. This dividend is equivalent to the final dividend in respect of the year 1973 declared on the Ordinary Capital of Unilever Limited calculated in accordance with the Equalisation Agreement between the two companies.

A similar dividend will be paid to holders of the above Certificates on and after 20th May, 1974 as follows :—

CERTIFICATES FOR SUB-SHARES OF FL.12 IN THE NAME OF MIDLAND BANK EXECUTOR AND TRUSTEE COMPANY LIMITED now MIDLAND BANK TRUST COMPANY LIMITED

The dividend is equivalent to Fl.2.268 per Sub-share and will be paid against Serial No. 92. Having regard to the relief from Dutch dividend tax given by certain Conventions concluded by the Netherlands for the avoidance of double taxation, the sterling amount payable per Sub-share is as follows :—

	Where the Sub-shareholder is a resident of :—				
	The United Kingdom		Any other country and in all other cases		
	and the shares are effectively connected with a business carried on through a permanent establishment in the Netherlands — See Note (a)	and the shares are not effectively connected with a business carried on through a permanent establishment in the Netherlands — See Note (b)	The net amount payable per Sub-share to shareholders who produce an Inland Revenue affidavit of non-residence is shown according to the rate of Dutch dividend tax deducted— See Note (c)		
	pence	pence	pence	pence	pence
Sterling equivalent of Fl.2.268 (Converted at Fl.6.2375=£1)	36.3607	36.3607	36.3607	36.3607	36.3607
Less Dutch dividend tax (25%) Fl.0.567 (15%) Fl.0.3402 Per Sub-share	9.0902 (25%)	5.4541 (15%)	9.0902 (25%)	5.4541 (15%)	— (0%)
Less United Kingdom Income Tax at 10% of the gross dividends	27.2705 6.5449	30.9066 6.5449	27.2705 (d)	30.9066 (d)	36.3607 (d)
Net amount payable per Sub-share	20.7256	24.3617	27.2705	30.9066	36.3607

(a) In such case Dutch dividend tax is deducted at 25% and from the balance the U.K. paying agent deducts 18% of the gross amount. In the Netherlands the 25% dividend tax suffered will be allowed as a credit against the tax payable on the profits of the establishment.

(b) Under the Anglo-Dutch Convention such shareholders are entitled to a reduction in Dutch dividend tax from 25% to 15%. On collection of the dividends in the U.K. the paying agent deducts tax of 18% of the gross amount. This represents a credit against the basic U.K. rate (33%) for the 15% Dutch dividend tax already suffered.

(c) Shareholders resident in Austria, Belgium, Canada, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Indonesia, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Luxembourg, the Netherlands Antilles, Norway, Singapore, South Africa, Spain, Surinam, Sweden, Switzerland, or the United States of America may be entitled to full or partial relief from Dutch dividend tax. A statement of the procedure which must be followed for such relief can be obtained from Midland Bank Limited, New Issue Department, Austin Friars House, Austin Friars, London, EC2P 2HU, or The London Transfer Office, Unilever House, Blackfriars, London, EC4P 4BQ.

(d) An Inland Revenue Affidavit of non-residence in the United Kingdom must be produced.

To obtain payment of the above dividend Sub-share Certificates must be listed on Listing forms obtainable from one of the following :—

Midland Bank Limited, New Issue Department, Austin Friars House, Austin Friars, London, EC2P 2HU.
Northern Bank Limited, 2 Waring Street, Belfast, BT1 2EE.
Allied Irish Banks Limited, Securities Department, 3/4 Foster Place, Dublin, 2.
Clydesdale Bank Limited, 30 St. Vincent Place, Glasgow.

The listing form includes an undertaking to mark the Certificates which need not be lodged with the form.

DUTCH CERTIFICATES OF FL.1,000 AND FL.100

Having regard to the double taxation Conventions referred to above the amounts payable per Certificate are as follows :—

	Where the Certificate holder is a resident of :—					
	The United Kingdom		Any other country and in all other cases			
	and the shares are not effectively connected with a business carried on through a permanent establishment in the Netherlands —See Note (a) above		The net amount payable is shown according to the rate of Dutch dividend tax, if such tax is due—See Notes (b), (c) and (d) above			
Certificate of	Fl.1,000	Fl.100	Fl.1,000	Fl.100	Fl.1,000	Fl.100
	Fl.	Fl.	Fl.	Fl.	Fl.	Fl.
Gross amount of dividends	189.00	18.90	189.00	18.90	189.00	18.90
Less Dutch dividend tax	28.35 (15%)	2.84 (15%)	47.25 (25%)	4.73 (25%)	28.35 (15%)	2.84 (15%)
Net amount payable per Certificate	160.65	16.06	141.75	14.17	160.65	16.06

The dividends will be paid against surrender of Coupon No. 92. Coupons can be encashed through Midland Bank Limited, New Issue Department, Austin Friars House, Austin Friars, London, EC2P 2HU or through one of the paying agents in the Netherlands.

Coupons encashed through Midland Bank Limited must be listed on a special form obtainable from that Bank which contains a declaration that the Certificates to which the Coupons relate do not belong to a resident of the Netherlands.

A statement of the procedure which must be followed when Coupons are encashed through a paying agent in the Netherlands, and the names of those agents can be obtained from Midland Bank Limited, New Issue Department, Austin Friars House, Austin Friars, London, EC2P 2HU or The London Transfer Office, Unilever House, Blackfriars, London, EC4P 4BQ.

The proceeds from the encashment of Coupons through a paying agent in the Netherlands will be credited to a convertible florins account with a bank or broker in the Netherlands.

N.V. NEDERLANDSCH ADMINISTRATIE—EN TRUSTKANTOOR
London Transfer Office, Unilever House, Blackfriars, London, EC4P 4BQ.
5th May, 1974.

Vickers

Points from the Statement by the Chairman The Rt. Hon. Lord Robens of Woldingham PC DCL LLD which appears in the 1973 Report and Accounts

1973 was a very good year for Vickers, however one measures it. Sales totalled £213 million, orders in hand at the end of the year stood at £378 million, compared with £304 million, profit before tax rose to £18.2 million (1972 £9.6 million), earnings per £1 of Ordinary Stock rose to 20.03p (1972 11.30p), and liquidity improved still further.

Assets

A revaluation of all the Group's properties by professional valuers estimated that at 30 September 1973 the values of our properties stood at just over £75 million which, compared with net book values of some £19 million, gave rise to a surplus of some £56 million. At the same time the opportunity was taken to standardise the differing depreciation rates on plant and other equipment applied by the operating units throughout the Group. This resulted in a net reduction of some £2.6 million in book values, and this has been offset against the surplus on properties.

After allowing for deferred taxation, the proportion of the surplus due to minority shareholders and the cost of valuations, there was a net surplus of approximately £39.6 million and this amount has been taken to reserves.

Howson-Algraphy

This business is now making a major contribution to the Group's profits. The success of the business is built on first-class products allied with advanced manufacturing methods, vigorous marketing and comprehensive research. To ensure continued product leadership, the already powerful research and development team is to be further strengthened and a new research laboratory is under construction at a cost of some £500,000. Large additions to manufacturing capacity are being made both at Leeds and at the company's factory in Holland, with a new factory also being erected in Spain.

Howson-Algraphy will thus be well placed to meet the multiplying demands for lithographic plates, both in the U.K. and overseas, as printing methods increasingly move from rotary letterpress to web offset.

Engineering Group

The Group had a profit of £1.4 million, much the best figure from the Group in recent years. These figures are particularly pleasing since they reflect the major effort that has been made in recent years to streamline the Group and to discard those activities which could be identified as lacking growth potential.

While this process will continue as necessary, we intend to strengthen those businesses for which a promising future can be foreseen. In earnest of this policy was the acquisition in November of Dawson & Barfos Manufacturing Limited, a company enjoying a high reputation in the design and manufacture of bottling machinery. With the addition of these facilities to those at Crayford and Brussels, Vickers becomes the largest U.K. producer of bottling machinery, and the enlarged business is now trading under the title Vickers-Dawson. A particularly significant feature of the new acquisition is the entree it gives into the dairy and soft drinks industries.

The Board further decided that much improved facilities for these and other activities were necessary at Crayford where the existing factory is outmoded. A new factory is being built accordingly on an adjacent site at a cost of some £2 million.

Shipbuilding Group

The Shipbuilding Group performed less well in profit terms in 1973 than for several years past. This arose partly from the set backs caused by a fire on one of the Brazilian submarines and by the Pisces submersible accident, and partly from the need to make provisions against losses anticipated on the Danish cruise liner and some other contracts.

Consolidated Profit & Loss Account
for the year ended
31 December 1973

	1973 £000	1972 £000
Sales	212,684	173,595
Consolidated profit before taxation	11,414	6,886
Share of profits of associated companies	6,793	2,562
Profit before taxation	18,207	9,568
Taxation	8,552	3,655
Profit after taxation	9,655	5,913
Minority shareholders' interest	496	384
Stockholders' profit before extraordinary items	9,159	5,529
Extraordinary items	(243)	1,962
Stockholders' profit	8,916	7,191
Dividends	3,348	2,773
Profit retained	5,568	4,418
Earnings per £1 of ordinary stock (before extraordinary items)	20.03p	11.30p

Roneo Vickers Office Equipment Group

Profits remained at the 1972 level, which must be accounted disappointing in relation to an increase in turnover to over £54 million. With the business in a period of reorganisation and expansion it is perhaps unreasonable to expect immediate high profitability, but I believe that Roneo Vickers has excellent potential and that we shall see this increasingly realised in profit figures unless there is a serious down-turn in trading conditions.

In the meantime we are fortifying by acquisition and investment the basic strength of the Office Equipment Group, and as a further move to this end we acquired at the end of March 1974 the business of Fanfold Limited. This acquisition provides useful complementary products to those manufactured by Hirst Buckley Limited, who are one of the country's largest producers of computer stationery and other business forms.

Canadian Vickers

Canadian Vickers had its best result for many years, and I think it will be generally agreed that we took a right decision in increasing our holding in the company to some 72 per cent. The balance sheet is now strong, liquidity much improved and orders at a high level.

Vickers Australia

Results reflect the predicted improvement during the second half of 1973, when heavy engineering at last began to receive the orders so notably lacking during the two-year period of depression in the Australian economy. We believe that there is much promise for the future in our Australian operations, and action has been taken to widen and strengthen them.

Substantial assets were acquired with effect from 1 January 1974 from the Hadfield-Goodwin-Scotts Group, for whom a Receiver had been appointed, in order to give Vickers Australia an interest in the supply of equipment to the rail transportation and coal industries. This move quickly brought orders to Vickers Ruwolt for equipment to a value of over £3½ million. In addition, a new company has been established at Kalgoorie to service the many mining activities in Western Australia: 80 per cent of the issued capital of this company, Vickers Keogh Pty. Limited, is held by Vickers Hoskins.

Another promising development is the formation by Vickers Ruwolt of a joint venture company in Indonesia to service the off-shore oil and gas production activities in Indonesia and adjacent waters. To this end a facility is being set up on the island of Batam. Vickers Ruwolt have been engaged in similar activities in the Bass Strait for several years.

British Aircraft Corporation

Much the most important Vickers external investment is in the British Aircraft Corporation, of which we are joint owners with G.E.C. In 1973 our share of profits from the Corporation increased steeply from £2.6 million to £6.9 million. In part this was due to the 10 per cent increase in our holding, but it reflected also the highly creditable trading performance of B.A.C. during 1973. Moreover, at the end of 1973 the Corporation had an order book valued at £625 million, in itself sufficient to maintain a high level of activity for the next five years.

We have every reason, therefore, to be satisfied with our investment in the Corporation.

I say this in full regard to the doubts that have been expressed about the future of the Concorde project. In this project B.A.C. are in effect acting as agents for Her Majesty's Government, and neither the cancellation of the project nor its success in the longer-term would have a major direct impact on the Corporation's profitability. Cancellation would undoubtedly be a serious setback to the Commercial Aircraft Division, though not to the Military Aircraft and Guided Weapons Divisions.

Prospects

The impact on the Group of the restricted working week during the first part of 1974 was greatly reduced by the spirit of enterprise and co-operation shown by operating units. Liquidity was not affected to the degree that might have been expected and at mid-April our liquidity position remained strong. Inevitably, however, there will have been an impact on our 1974 profits. On present indications this is likely to be more in terms of a check to the further increase of profits expected in 1974 rather than a fall-back from the 1973 level.

If, therefore, the matter could rest there a note of modest optimism might be struck, but unfortunately other adverse factors are now apparent. Thus the Budget has loaded many extra burdens on industry: heavily increased prices from the nationalised industries, a sharp rise in National Insurance contributions by the employer, and increased Corporation Tax coupled with a demand for earlier payment.

In all these circumstances it is difficult to offer any firm prediction for 1974, especially given current uncertainties in labour relations. What I can say, however, is that Vickers is at this moment in good shape. We have strong order books, the rationalisation and reorganisation of recent years has greatly improved the efficiency of our operations, and we have committed ourselves to significant expansion of selected activities by investment and acquisition.

In short, we are strong in ourselves, and though we are being asked to carry heavier financial burdens, and to do this in an economic environment of some uncertainty, we are confident in our ability to maintain a high level of performance unless there is a major down-turn in the economy.

April 26th, 1974.

The Report and Accounts 1973 have been posted to Stockholders.

The 107th Annual General Meeting of Vickers Limited will be held on 6th June 1974 at Millbank Tower, London SW1.

Vickers Limited, Vickers House, Millbank, London SW1P 4RA.

BANCO DI ROMA

Capital and Reserves:

59,000,000,000 Italian Lire

International Partners:

Banco Hispano Americano, Commerzbank and Credit Lyonnais

Ordinary Meeting of the 20th April, 1974.

The meeting of the shareholders of the Banco di Roma, held under the Chairmanship of Avv. Vittorino Veronese, approved the balance sheet as at 31st December, 1973, the corresponding profit and loss account, and the distribution of the profits for the financial year.

The Chairman's report has drawn attention to the economic and financial events which were significant during 1973. In spite of the difficulties experienced, the results obtained by the Banco di Roma have been as follows:

—increase in assets in lire and foreign currencies by about 1,358 thousand million lire, equivalent to 23%;

—increase in lire and foreign currency loans by 713 thousand million lire, equivalent to 22%;

—increase of 3,050 thousand million lire, equivalent to 28% in the overall total of the accounts.

In 1973 the Bank's territorial expansion has continued and the operating network in Italy and abroad now covers 266 branches. The year has witnessed the completion of the first stage in the programme for the creation abroad of new operational units, simultaneously with the strengthening of the existing structures, whilst also laying the basis for a new expansion programme.

The report has dealt at length with the foreign sector, as well as with the Europartner concept. The co-operation agreement with the Commerzbank and the Credit Lyonnais has been extended with the entry into the group of the Banco Hispano Americano. Mention is also made in the report of the development of affiliated foreign banks. Good results have been obtained from the Bank's various participations and the Rominvest Fund has continued to be successful. Taxes receivable for account of the government as at 31st December, amounted to 64 thousand million lire.

After the usual precautionary appropriations and depreciations, the trading account closed with a net profit of 4,904,253,911 lire on the basis of which the meeting decided to allocate 1,500 million lire to reserves which therefore rise to 19 thousand million lire, equivalent to 47.5% of the capital, to distribute a dividend of 8.50% and to carry forward the remaining profit of 68,931,282 lire.

The meeting also approved the appointments of a new Board of Directors for the period 1974/76. These were: Avv. Mario Barone, Avv. Fausto Calabria, Dr. Alberto Capanna, Dr. Danilo Ciulli, Dr. Ing. Fortunato Federici, Avv. Giovanni Guidi, Prof. Dr. Vitantonio Pizzagallo, Capt. Antioco Ravano, Avv. Pietro Sette, Dr. Massimo Spada, Dr. Ugo Tabanelli, Prof. Ferdinando Ventriglia and Avv. Vittorino Veronese.

The Board of Directors, after the shareholders meeting reconfirmed the appointment of Avv. Vittorino Veronese as Chairman whilst Prof. Ferdinando Ventriglia was made Vice Chairman and Managing Director with complete authority for the coordination of the direction of the Institution, and Dr. Danilo Ciulli was appointed Vice Chairman. Avv. Tommaso Rubbi was also reconfirmed as Secretary to the Board of Directors.

The Managing Directors are Prof. Ferdinando Ventriglia, with complete authority for the coordination of the direction of the Institution, Avv. Giovanni Guidi and Avv. Mario Barone.

WOODHOUSE & RIXSON (HOLDINGS) LIMITED

Manufacturers of steel forgings, rolled steel rings, flanges, trailers, trailer components and springs.

	1973 £	1972 £
Turnover	4,047,235	3,154,367
Group trading profit	314,906	134,586
Taxation	153,951	46,873
Group profit after tax	160,955	87,713

The Chairman, Mr. J. C. Duckworth reports:–

- Turnover 28% up and trading profit a record at £314,906
- Earnings per share have risen from 2.1p to 3.7p
- An interim dividend of 0.525p per share has been paid (equivalent to 0.75p per share gross in 1972). A final dividend of 1.128p per share (1972 1.05p) is recommended by the directors.
- In line with our previously declared policy, we are continuing to widen the base of our activities to compensate for the cyclical nature of the forging industry. The acquisitions of Eatad Limited and Hallen Engineering Company during the year are in accordance with this policy. It is the intention to improve the profitability and size of our company to ensure that full use is made of the capital available and our managerial resources.
- At the beginning of the current year, order books were full and orders on hand for forgings and rolled rings were at a record level.

Copies of the Report and Accounts available on application to: The Secretary, Woodhouse & Rixson (Holdings) Limited, P.O. Box 74, Bessemer Road, Sheffield S9 3XS.

CASSA DI RISPARMIO DELLE PROVINCIE LOMBARDE

(Savings Bank of Lombardy) - Established 1823 - MILAN, ITALY

CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET AT 31st DECEMBER 1973 (Million Lire)

LIABILITIES		ASSETS	
Profit and reserves	338,245	Cash in hand and gilt-edged bonds	2,315,446
Savings, current and other accounts	4,525,970	Commercial and agricultural bills	364,952
Mortgage bonds	3,546,879	Loans	1,206,965
Other liabilities	424,130	Mortgage loans	3,586,498
Contra accounts	4,943,277	Other investments	1,262,261
		Contra accounts	4,943,277
	13,978,501		13,678,501

CONSOLIDATED PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT AT 31st DECEMBER 1973 (Million Lire)

OPERATING EXPENSES		OPERATING INCOME	
Interest paid	283,110	Interest on liquid assets and securities	151,097
General and administrative expenses	127,811	Interest on short-term loans	112,605
Taxes	41,324	Interest on medium- and long-term loans	198,958
Depreciation and losses	79,937	Miscellaneous earnings	79,840
	532,182		
Net profit for the year	8,318		
	540,500		540,500

Chairman: GIORDANO DELL'AMORE Managing Director: ALESSANDRO NEZZO

Chief Foreign Department: UBALDO BALDI

FINANCIAL NEWS

Brake on Vickers' growth unlikely to depress earnings this year

By Our Financial Staff

On present indications, Lord Robens writes in the Vickers annual report, the effect of the three-day week is likely to be more in terms of a check on the further increase in profits expected in 1974 rather than a fall-back from the 1973 level.

The impact of a potentially disastrous situation, Lord Robens adds, had been greatly reduced by the spirit of enterprise and cooperation that had been shown. The group's liquidity, for example, had not been adversely affected to the degree that might have been expected and at the present time the liquidity position was strong.

If matters could rest there, Lord Robens states that a note of modest optimism could be struck. But unfortunately other adverse factors were now present. The Budget had loaded many extra burdens on industry, including increased prices from the nationalized industries, increased National Insurance contributions and a higher rate of Corporation Tax coupled with a demand for earlier payment.

In these circumstances it was difficult to offer any firm prediction for 1974, especially given the current uncertainty in labour relations. Even so, the group had strong order books—outstanding orders at the year end were up from £304m to £378m—and the rationalization and reorganization of recent years had greatly increased efficiency.

New investment in the current year is expected to be roughly double last year—year end contracted and authorized expenditure was up from £2.7m to £8.6m—and, to strengthen its capacity to proceed with its plans for re-investment and expansion, Vickers has arranged a $25m loan through a banking syndicate headed by Williams & Glyn's.

Commenting on the possibility of nationalization of the group's shipbuilding activities and BAC, in which Vickers has a 50 per cent stake, Lord Robens said yesterday that the Government should think carefully before making such moves and not act simply for doctrinaire reasons. What had to be decided was the best way to run industry in the interests of the country.



Sir John Wrightson, chairman of Head Wrightson: substantial losses on fixed price contracts

AKZO profits still growing at fair rate

By Gerry O'Brien

The improvement in quarterly results that began in 1973 for the Dutch-international chemical and synthetic fibres group, AKZO, continued in the first three months of 1974.

Sales were 21 per cent higher at 2,800m florins (£447m) and operating profit rose by 23 per cent. With smaller interest charges, net profit spurted from 72.3m florins to 100.2m florins.

All product groups contributed, except coatings and consumer products. The exceptional price increases in the past few months caused an increase in the value of stocks. This has not been included in profits, but has been reserved to absorb a possible reaction in prices.

Outlining board policy at the annual meeting in Amsterdam, Mr G. Kraijenhoff, chairman, said that it was just not enough if the EEC did not develop beyond a customs union, and that the economic and monetary union as the keystone, that is lacking the stability necessary not only for the attainment of sound competitive conditions but also for the optimum organization of production, research and sales in Europe."

Mr Kraijenhoff said in producing countries held trump cards: raw materials, money and, in most cases, labour. He believed that mutually beneficial cooperation could be secured which AKZO could contribute.

Two-thirds of the company's invested capital was in Europe, mainly in The Netherlands and Germany. But there was also room for expansion in developing countries. International diversification was essential to ensure employment, the chairman thought.

Results

Abrupt setback to J. Bibby profit hopes

Shareholders of J. Bibby & Sons, the animal feed group, are warned by Mr J. Bibby, their chairman, that first-half profits will be "significantly lower" than the £1.2m achieved a year ago.

He told the annual meeting in Liverpool that though a "considerable" improvement was to be expected during the second half, it now seemed unlikely that the group would be able to meet the budgeted "modest" increase in total profits looked for in the annual report three weeks ago. Last year the group made a record £2.3m before tax.

Mr Bibby explained that the livestock industry, not only here but throughout Europe, was having a hard time. This, plus the national position in Italy, was depressing several sectors of the group's business.

White Drummond

Although interim taxable profits of White Drummond slipped from £887,000 to £851,000 this unit trust management group describes the outcome as "relatively satisfactory" in a period of economic uncertainty and a depressed stock market. The result owed much to the successful issue of M & G guaranteed deposit funds, says WD.

Record £305,000 by FEB International

As expected another record year comes from FEB International, suppliers and distributors of builders' materials. On sales up from £5.1m to £7m there was an increase of 10 per cent in taxable profits to £305,000 last year.

Earnings a share were 3.14p (3.37p) and the total dividend goes up from 1.73p to 1.8p, with the option of taking the final payment in shares.

Loss deepens at Tern Consulate

Hopes expressed at half time that the Tern-Consulate ties and shirts group would turn its £18,000 interim loss into a profit of £50,000 for the full term have been dashed, and this London based company ends the year with a loss of £71,000, against a record pre-tax profit of £236,000. Turnover figures are not disclosed.

There is no final dividend, leaving the year's total down from 4.75p to 0.75p, on a net loss of £35,000, against a profit of £146,000.

No statement on the deeper second half loss, or forecast for the present year is made by the board, but the market added 1p to the shares taking them from a low of 29p to 30p.

At half time, the board attributed the group's loss to difficult conditions and the floating of sterling.

Second-half profit blow to Head Wrightson

Following closely the sad tidings from Wheesoe, whose results were set back mainly by the effects of labour problems, Head Wrightson, the Yorkshire-based general engineers also reports a sharp downturn. The group has been substantially hit by losses on two long-term fixed price contracts in the iron founding division where costs have escalated by nearly 50 per cent in the last 18 months.

At half-time Head Wrightson shareholders were told to expect a difficult year but nevertheless it was expected that the full year's results would be better than those for 1972-73. In the event profits at the pretax level show a downturn of 13.4 per cent from £1.35m to £1.17m.

The 1972-73 result, it should be pointed out, took credit for a profit of £308,000 on sale of a leasehold property.

The group's year ends on January 31 so the results also reflect the effects of what was probably the worst month of the energy crisis.

Another factor was interest charges which for the full year were three and a half times higher than previously, jumping from £112,000 to nearly £400,000. The board ascribes this increase to the higher interest rates prevailing and partly to the result of a high level of capital expenditure.

Shrugging off the disappointing results the board is stepping up the total dividend from 3.15p to 3.29p.

Davies & Newman Holdings Limited

Salient points from the Statement by the Chairman, Mr. F. E. F. Newman MC for the year to 31st December 1973

- Turnover nearly £30 million.
- Increase in profitability.
- Shipbroking record turnover and profits.
- Dan-Air carried 2.1 million passengers, a new record.

Prospects—On the shipbroking side, activity continues barring totally unforeseen circumstances a satisfactory result can be expected. On the Aviation side, Dan-Air is becoming increasingly engaged in many sectors of the business, and is well placed to maintain its share of the market. Although it is too early to make a Group forecast, the Group is soundly based and in a strong position to carry on its activities successfully.

Comparative Figures	1973 £'000	1972 £'000
Turnover	29,692	24,[illegible]
Profit before tax	1,031	[illegible]
Profit after tax	519	[illegible]
Dividends per share (gross)	8.1325p	7.[illegible]
Retained earnings	292	[illegible]

Copies of the Report and Accounts for the year ended 31st December 1973 may be obtained from the Secretary of the Company, Bilbao House, 36-38 New Broad Street, London EC2M 1NH.

Briefly

COMPAGNIE BANCAIRE
Last year taxable profit slipped from 559m to 487m francs. Total assets increased from 26,991m to 31,400m francs. Interest on loan capital from 57m to 106m francs.

GIBBONS DUDLEY
Mr Roger Turner told meeting first-quarter pre-tax was about £200,000 and last year's £1.5m should be matched.

MANDERS
Mr J. Tavendale says in report much will depend on recovering increased costs in prices and continued rise in demand.

ALFRED CLOUGH
Major E. Marley told meeting that after reinstatement of buildings destroyed by fire asset revaluation was planned and thereafter scrip. Increase in turnover and profits forecast.

JOHNSON GROUP CLEANERS
Mr Tom Johnson told meeting that after a poor start in early weeks of the year, business had substantially improved and the Group was now trading well on all fronts.

MERCANTILE CREDIT
Mr D. Meinertzhagen says in interim report he is confident in longer-term ability to obtain reasonable margins and to preserve quality of business.

CLIFFORD'S DAIRIES
After most difficult ever year Mr Gordon Clifford believes profits may lag behind temporarily this time—the centenary year.

S. SIMPSON
Interim sales for this maker of "Daks" clothing up from £5.51m to £5.67m, but taxable profit down £25,000 to £400,000.

BRIDPORT GUNDRY
In half year to January 31 taxable profits spurted from £173,000 to £234,000; dividend raised from 0.84 to 1.10p. Earnings a share, 2.48p (2.19p).

TRANSATLANTIC & GEN INV
Last term taxable was £74,000 £42,000) and net asset value 77.8p (92.1p). Dividend total 3p (2.5p).

YOUNG COMPANIES INV
Last year's revenue after tax was £182,000 (£145,000) with earnings a share 2.8p (2.23p). Total dividend 3.6p (3p) and net asset value 48.2p (85.5p) a share.

LDN SCOTTISH AMERICAN
Gross revenue in year to April 30 of £1.11m (£974,000). Investments valued at £20.3m, against £25.7m at October 3.

UU TEXTILES-SIDROY
Reorganization at Sidroy almost complete. Deals should raise £950,000 and reduce bank borrowings.

IPD-REID & LEE
Through Magenta Properties subsidiary company sold capital of Reid & Lee to Pre-divisional Investments for £405,000 cash.

FREDERICK EVANS
In half to March 31 sales were £507,000 (£368,000) and profit £97,000 (£72,000).

SCOTTISH HERITABLE
Last year profits up 55 per cent to record £435,000. Group believe turnover can be raised to offset current problems.

ATLAS ELECTRIC TRUST
Profit after tax last term rose from £1.1m to £1.64m. Earnings a share 1.38p (1.4p); net asset value, 43.5p (61.5p).

INTERNATIONAL TELEPHONE
Company expects a record year for sales and profits in 1974.

LLOYDS BANK
A new trust division to be formed to coordinate and develop bank's trust, investment, tax and insurance services.

COLLETT, DICKENSON, PEARCE
Chairman, in annual statement, reports record first quarter trading and he sees no reason why 1974 profit should be less than that of 1973.

T. C. HARRISON
On turnover up from £14.2m to £15.7m, pre-tax profit of this Ford main dealer £787,000 (£767,000). Earnings a share, 8.71p (10.35p) and dividend 4.27p (4.08p). Group is currently profitable but not at 1973 level.

MOSS ENGINEERING
Profits before tax in half year to February 28 dropped from £254,000 to £189,000 and turnover from £4m to £3.2m. Dividend again 1.5p. Results hit by effects of energy crisis, but board still looking for record full year profits.

THOMAS NATIONWIDE
Net profit of this Australian group were £3.5m (£2.9m) for nine months to March 31 (£3.7m for full 12 months of previous year).

BSC (CHEMICALS)
Purchase negotiated of plant and other assets of Scottish Tar Distillers, Falkirk. Large part of plant destroyed by fire last November.

ASH & LACY
"Very strong start" to year chairman told meeting, with sales up about 40 per cent. Good first-half and full-year profits expected.

Bids & deals

Croda now holds 20 pc of Greeff

With the purchase of a further 6 per cent of Greeff-Chemicals, Croda International now has 20.4 per cent of the company, the 2.29 million shares involved having a market value of almost £1.4m.

But there is no question of an all-out bid from Croda, which intends to keep the holding as a long-term investment. Mr F. Wood, chairman of Croda, is to join the board of Greeff, whose full results for last year are due to be announced on Friday of next week.

ALFRED CLOUGH LIMITED

MAJOR E. H. MARLEY'S STATEMENT AT ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Addressing shareholders at the annual general meeting of Alfred Clough Limited, held on May 8th at Stoke-on-Trent, the Chairman, Major E. H. Marley, M.B.E., T.D., F.C.A., said:

I am happy to inform you that since circulation of the Report and Accounts on 11th April, 1974:—

(1) We have received £311,370 further monies on account of fire claims—making receipts of £651,756 in all—leaving a balance of £38,502 which is under final review at this moment.

(2) We have accepted during the last few days the tender of the local contractor, Toft Johnson Construction Limited, for £311,000 to replace the destroyed buildings of W. H. Grindley & Co. Ltd. The new buildings, having an area of 32,000 sq. ft. as opposed to the area destroyed of 28,000 sq ft., will represent the most modern factory construction *designed to assist to the maximum our production flow line*, warehouse packaging and storage. Construction, which has commenced this week, will take 14 months.

(3) The buildings destroyed or damaged at Cartwright & Edwards Ltd. have been almost completely replaced or restored and include a new modern carton packaging store of 8,250 sq. ft. away from the main building.

(4) Offices at Barker Brothers Limited to accommodate consolidated offices of Alfred Clough Ltd., Barker Brothers Ltd. and British Anchor Pottery are in course of reconstruction and will promote greater efficiency in administration.

(5) Mr. Graham Lewis, formerly works manager of Ridgway Potteries Ltd., joined Cartwright & Edwards Ltd. two days ago as Director and General Manager and has been appointed a Director of Alfred Clough (Potteries) Limited—The Group operational management company.

(6) Insurances have been reviewed to provide cover:

On buildings	£3,738,000
On plant and machinery	£2,600,000

with an indemnity period for loss of profits of two years.

I reiterate that, in my view, revaluation of all our properties would show they are considerably undervalued in our balance sheet. The Board intends, following reinstatement of the buildings destroyed or damaged by fire, to have *a revaluation of all its fixed assets and to consider thereafter* a scrip issue to increase the issued ordinary share capital to £1,180,000 so as to give the Company's shares trustee status.

The Board is well satisfied with trading results to date and with the Group's excellent and buoyant order books.

In conclusion, the Board looks forward to a considerable increase in turnover and profits, provided that there is industrial and political peace and harmony for the remainder of the year.

Summary of Results, 1973

Turnover—£4,186,000, of which exports were £1,970,000

Net profit before tax—£215,000

Average number of employees—1,800

Share capital and reserves—£1,819,000

UNION MINIERE

Registered Office—Rue de la Chancellerie, 1-1000 Brussels
Trade Register No. 13377 Brussels—V.A.T. No. 402935129

Co-ordinated Statutes have been published in the annexes of the "Moniteur Belge" on Mar 23, 1968 and April 4, 1968.

BALANCE SHEET AT DECEMBER 31, 1973

ASSETS	B.F.	LIABILITIES	B.F.
Fixed Assets		Capital and Reserves	
Buildings, equipment, furniture and fittings	266 416 993	Capital	8 000 000
Less:		Legal reserve	800 000
Depreciation	— 151 986 540	Contingencies reserve	3 924 887
	114 430 453	Assets replacement reserve	3 750 000
Investments	4 904 069 776		16 474 887
Less:		Provisions for charges and risks	2 632 155
Amounts to be called up	— 28 806 459	Current Liabilities	
	4 875 263 357	Debentures	13 393
Suspense Accounts	294 389 482	Creditors	310 381
Current Assets		Unclaimed coupons	35 489
Metals and other products	912 212 115	Balance	
Debtors	8 184 828 781	Brought forward from previous financial year	50 378
Short-term investments	2 784 339 880	Profit for the financial year	1 431 683
Cash at bankers and in hand	3 782 905 186		1 482 061
	B.F. 20 948 369 234		B.F. 20 948 369

PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR 1973

Debit	B.F.	Credit	B.F
Financial charges	17 085 716	Operating results	251 721
Depreciation on buildings, equipment, furniture and fittings	9 172 584	Income from investments	403 721
Depreciation in value of foreign currencies	47 855 098	Interest and sundry receipts	1 172 957
Depreciation in value of investments	40 545 592	Compensation	730 545
Loss on realisation of investments	Cr	Profit on realisation of investments	51 375
Geological prospection expenses written off	149 000 000		
Tanganyika Concessions Ltd. percentage of compensation	14 987 231		
Special transfer to pension provision	150 000 000		
Transfer to assets replacement reserve	750 000 000		
Profit available for appropriation	1 431 683 060		
	B.F. 2 610 329 281		B.F. 2 610 32

A report on the Annual General Meeting will be published in this newspaper.
The Public Relations Department of UNION MINIERE, rue de la Chancellerie, 1-1 Brussels, will be pleased to send copies of the 1973 Annual Report upon request. Brussels 02/13.60.90.

NOTICE TO HOLDERS OF SHARES OF THE DREYFUS OFFSHORE TRUST N.V.

The Dreyfus Offshore Trust N.V. ("Offshore") will transfer substantially all its assets to The Dreyfus International Investment Fund N.V. ("Intercontinental") in exchange for shares of Common Stock of Intercontinental, at adjusted net asset value, on 16th July, 1974, or as soon thereafter as practicable. After completion of appropriate proceedings under Netherlands Antilles law, expected to be completed on 16th September, 1974, the Intercontinental shares received by Offshore will be credited to Offshore shareholders on a pro rata basis and Offshore's shareholders will then become Intercontinental shareholders entitled to all rights of shareholders of Intercontinental, including the right to redeem shares, to receive dividends and to vote at shareholders' meetings. At that time, any Offshore shareholder may place the Intercontinental shares credited to him in a Intercontinental voluntary account. By doing so, the Offshore shareholder will, for one year after the Intercontinental shares are credited to him, have the right to make purchases, at net asset value and without payment of the present 8.75% sales charge, of additional Intercontinental shares up to the number of Intercontinental shares credited to the Offshore shareholder and deposited by him in an Intercontinental voluntary account.

Offshore's shareholders may, therefore, continue their investments through Intercontinental, the shares of which are redeemable at net asset value without any charge for redemption, or may redeem their Offshore shares for cash beginning on 16th July, 1974. Under Offshore's Articles of Incorporation, shareholders who desire to redeem Offshore shares before 16th September, 1974 must give Offshore sixty days' advance notice. For example, shareholders desiring to redeem Offshore shares on 16th July, 1974 must deliver a Notice of Redemption on or before 17th May, 1974 to Offshore or one of its Redemption Agents, First National City Trust Company (Bahamas) Limited, Thompson Boulevard, P.O. Box N-1576, Nassau, N.P., Bahama Islands, or Banque Internationale a Luxembourg, 2, Boulevard Royal, Luxembourg-Ville, Luxembourg. Similarly, shareholders desiring to redeem Offshore shares on 16th September, 1974, must deliver a Notice of Redemption to Offshore or one of its Redemption Agents on or before 16th July, 1974. Certificates for the Offshore shares to be redeemed must be received by Offshore or its Redemption Agent at least 15 days prior to the redemption date for the Notice of Redemption to be effective.

Intercontinental is a diversified open-end investment company organized under the laws of the Netherlands Antilles and is engaged in the continuous offer and redemption of its shares, which are listed on the Luxembourg Stock Exchange. Questions and requests for further information about Intercontinental should be forwarded to Intercontinental, 284 Bay Street, P.O. Box N-3712, Nassau, Bahama Islands, or to Dreyfus Management International GmbH ("DMI"), Maximilianstrasse 21, 8 Munich 22, Germany. DMI is sponsored by The Dreyfus Corporation, New York, New York, which is investment adviser to mutual funds having approximately $1.95 billion in assets.

FINANCIAL NEWS

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Stock markets

Heavy buying takes gilts higher

Heavy and sustained buying of gilt-edged stocks yesterday ave prices another strong rise. ven the news that the National nion of Seamen had voted verwhelmingly at their Torquay conference to press for a izeable pay rise (possibly acked by militant action) only riefly dented the enthusiasm or Government bonds.

The seamen's tough talk rought prices back by an ¼ oint in the longer sector, but ains of ¼ or ½ point were still ommon amongst the "medums" at the close. "Longs" nded with net rises of ½ to ¾ oint. Dealers described the buying as "general investment", but were uncertain whether foreign money was involved.

"Shorts" had a similarly good day, with sizeable two-way business in the ex-tap Treasury 10½ per cent, which closed 5/32 point up. More generally, prices rose anything up to ½ point in this sector. Corporation stocks ended ¼ to ½ point better and the new "farmers" loan rose to ¼ point premium from par.

Equities, which for most of the session extended the recovery of the previous day, were also unsettled at the close by reports from the conference of the seamen's union. Leading stocks turned easier at the end of the day. Turnover, however, remained light, with the day's reported bargains a mere 5,850. For Wednesday, reported bargains of just over 6,000 represented a money value of £44.9m.

The chief reporter of the day was **Dunlop Hldgs**, whose final quarter was better than expected. But the shares, a net 2p up at 47p, had made no further progress following the statement. First quarter figures from Shell did little for the shares or for the rest of the oil section. At 228p, Shell were unchanged on the day.

North Sea stocks, boosted by Lord Balogh's view of "super profits", included **Thomson Organisation**, and **Lyle Shipping**. **Gronig Shipping**, with interest in Celtic Sea drilling, also scored a further advance.

Heavy engineerings rested content with the recovery of the previous day. **Tube Investments** (255p), **GKN** (182p), and **BLMC** (12¼p) remained close to overnight levels. **Reyrolle Parsons** (71p) provided one of the brighter spots on renewed hopes that the low level of the shares might tempt bidders.

Vickers, finally 2p up at 114p, attracted new time buyers ahead of the annual report. But **Whessoe** suffered a fresh loss on the trading figures.

With bullion prices turning higher again in London, gold shares managed to recover some of their recent losses. Among the better features were **FS Geduld** (£16⅜), **Pres Brand** (£16⅛) and **Blyvoors** (£7⅜).

Among the financials, **Triumph Inv Trst** (12¼p) looked steadier, although it would be too early to say whether or not stock market confidence is fully restored. **Lloyds & Scottish** jumped 10p to 66p on the figures. Hopes of a new move from **Eagle Star** again helped **B. Sunley Inv Trst.**

Issues & Loans

Banks cease bond trading

The troubles of the hard-pressed Eurobond secondary market were newly underlined yesterday when two banks, First National Boston in London and Union de Banques Privées (Unibanque) in Luxembourg, revealed they were ceasing to make a market in Eurobonds.

Neither has been a big trader, but their reasons for quitting the market emphasize the gloom felt in some quarters about the future for Eurobonds.

The underlying problem for traders in recent months has been that short-term interest rates have risen well above long-term rates. This so-called inverse yield curve has meant that any bonds held on the dealers' books for trading purposes have had to be financed at a loss.

First National Boston economists forecast that the inverse yield curve is likely to remain for some time yet, and, in order to cut losses, the decision has been taken to pull out of the secondary market completely. The bank had been trading in between 120 and 150 straight dollar bonds since last October.

In the case of Unibanque, the board yesterday made the blunt statement that it considered the Eurobond market was "without a future". The decision to stop making a market took into account the evolution of interest rates and the instability of the foreign exchange markets.

The bank, which is owned by seven private banks mainly in Belgium, began trading in Eurobonds two and a half years ago and dealt mainly in straight dollar bonds and unit of account issues. A spokesman said the trading department was profitable in the first half of its financial year to the end of September.

Christopher Wilkins

Eurobond prices (midday indicators)

	Bid	Offer
$ STRAIGHTS		
Airlease 8¼% 1988	90½	91½
American Motors 9% 1993	91	92
Anglo-American 7¼% 1987	89½	90½
Asbiana 7½% 1987	89	90
Australasia 7½% 1987	89	90
BICC 7¼% 1987	89	90
Bluebell 7½%	89	90
Bristol 8½% 1987	90	91
British Steel Corp 8½% 1988	90	91
Burlington 8½% 1988	90	91
Cadbury 7¾% 1987	89	90
Carrier 8¼% 1987	90	91
Colombia 8¼% 1987	90	91
Cons Food 7¾% 1987	89	90
Copenhagen City Auth 7½% 1987	89	90
Coventry 8¼% 1987	90	91
Coventry 7¾% 1988	89	90
Dansco Belgium 8¼% 1988	90	91
Carter Hammer 8¼% 1987	90	91
Dana 8½% 1987	90	91
Denmark Kingdom 7½% 1988	89	90
Denmark Mtge Bank 7½% 1987	89	90
Dundee 9¼% 1993	92	93
Escom 8½% 1988	90	91
ETB 8¼% 1988	90	91
Eurofima 8½% 1989	90	91
First Chicago 8¼% 1990	90	91
First Pennsylvania 7¾% 1984	89	90
Fisons 8½% 1987	90	91
GATX 8¼% 1987	90	91
General Cables 8½% 1987	90	91
Guardian Royal 8¼% 1987	90	91
GHR 7¾% 1988	89	90
Hambros 7¾% 1987	89	90
Hammersley 8¼% 1987	90	91
Hilton 7¾% 1987	89	90
ICI 7¾% 1992	89	90
International Util 8¼% 1992	90	91
Kleinwort 8¼% 1987	90	91
Lancashire 9¼% 1987	92	93
Legal & Gen Ass 8¾% 1988	90	91
Manchester 8¼% 1981	91	92
Marcon Fin 1987	90	91
Mitsubishi Bank 8¼% 1988	90	91
Mitsubishi Corp 8¼% 1988	90	91
Nat & Grindlays 8¼% 1988	90	91
National Coal Board 8¼% 1988	90	91
Nippon Kokan 8¼% 1988	90	91
N M Rothschild 7¾% 1987	89	90
N M Rothschild 8¼% 1987	90	91
Sanwa Bank 8¼% 1988	90	91
Sumitomo 8¼% 1988	90	91
Pacific Finance 8¼% 1988	90	91
Peterson 8¼% 1987	90	91
Quebec 8¼% 1988	90	91
Quebec Hydro-Elec 7¾% 1988	89	90
Queensland 8¼% 1988	90	91
Rabiotch 8¼% 1988	90	91
RMM 8¼% 1988	90	91
Sandvik 8¼% 1988	90	91
Shell 8¼% 1988	90	91
Singapore 8¼% 1987	90	91
Slough 8¼% 1988	90	91
South Africa 8¼% 1987	90	91
SKF 8¼% 1987	90	91
Standard Oil 8¼% 1988	90	91
Standard Oil 8¼% 1988	90	91
Sunbeam 8¼% 1988	90	91
Swedish Ex 8¼% 1988	90	91
Tenneco 8¼% 1988	90	91
Tenneco 7¾% 1988	89	90
Texaco 7¾% 1988	89	90
Texaco 8¼% 1988	90	91
Trans & City 8¼% 1988	90	91
Transocean Gulf 8¼% 1987	90	91
Union Oil 8¼% 1988	90	91
Union Oil 7¾% 1987	89	90
Utah 8¼% 1988	90	91
Utah 8¼% 1988	90	91
Vereinsbank 8¼% 1987	90	91
Volvo 8¼% 1988	90	91
Wellcome 8¼% 1987	90	91
Wm Grace 8¼% 1987	90	91

	Bid	Offer
$ CONVERTIBLES		
AMF 8¼% 1987	89½	90½
Alaska Int 8¼% 1987	91½	92½
American Express 8¼% 1987	91½	92½
American Motors 8¼% 1992	91½	92½
American Medical 8¼% 1992	91½	92½
Beatrice Foods 8¼% 1992	91½	92½
Beatrice Foods 8¼% 1992	91½	92½
Textron 7¾% 1992	89½	90½
Borden 8¼% 1992	91½	92½
Borden 8¼% 1992	91½	92½
Broadway Hale 8¼% 1987	91½	92½
Carnation 8¼% 1987	91½	92½
Cummins 8¼% 1987	91½	92½
Damon 8¼% 1992	91½	92½
Dart 8¼% 1987	91½	92½
E Asia Navigation 6½% 1989	74½	75½
Economic Labs 8¼% 1987	91½	92½
Exxon 8¼% 1987	91½	92½
Ford 8¼% 1992	91½	92½
Ford 8¼% 1992	91½	92½
Fruehauf 8¼% 1992	91½	92½
Gulette 8¼% 1987	91½	92½
Gould 8¼% 1992	91½	92½
General Electric 8¼% 1987	91½	92½
Halliburton 8¼% 1992	91½	92½
Harris 8¼% 1992	91½	92½
Honeywell 8¼% 1992	91½	92½
Hongkong Land Cum 7½% 1982	80	82
ITT 8¼% 1987	91½	92½
ITT Sheraton 8¼% 1992	91½	92½
J. Ray McDermott 8¼% 1987	91½	92½
J. P. Morgan 8¼% 1987	91½	92½
Motorola 8¼% 1992	91½	92½
Nabisco 8¼% 1992	91½	92½
Owens Illinois 8¼% 1987	91½	92½
J. C. Penney 8¼% 1987	91½	92½
Reuter 8¼% 1987	91½	92½
Reynolds 8¼% 1992	91½	92½

	Bid	Offer
Rank Org 8¼% 1992	91½	92½
Sime Darby 7¾% 1987	89½	90½
Sperry Rand 8¼% 1992	91½	92½
Stone Walker 8¼% 1987	91½	92½
Southland 8¼% 1992	91½	92½
Squibb 8¼% 1987	91½	92½
United Overseas Bank 8¼% 1992	91½	92½
Warner Lambert 8¼% 1992	91½	92½
Warner Lambert 8¼% 1987	91½	92½
Xerox Corp 8¼% 1992	91½	92½

	Bid	Offer
NON $ BONDS		
BASF (FF) 8¼% 1987	91½	92½
Bass (FF) 8¼% 1987	91½	92½
Bell Int Fin (FF) 8¼% 1987	91½	92½
Bracon (DM) 8¼% 1988	91½	92½
BLMC (FF) 8¼% 1987	91½	92½
Charter (FF) 8¼% 1987	91½	92½
Charter (DM) 6½% 1986-88	91½	92½
Courtaulds (DM) 8¼% 1988-88	91½	92½
Feeders 8¼% 1992	91½	92½
Denmark (DM) 8¼% 1988	91½	92½
Denmark (FF) 8¼% 1988	91½	92½
EIB (FF) 8¼% 1988	91½	92½
Escom (DM) 8¼% 1987-88	91½	92½
Esmil (DM) 8¼% 1988	91½	92½
Gewerbau (DM) 8¼% 1987-88	91½	92½
ICI (DM) 8¼% 1987-88	91½	92½
Lafarge (FF) 8¼% 1988	91½	92½
Nat West (DM) 8¼% 1988	91½	92½
Occidental (DM) 8¼% 1986-88	91½	92½
Stredsbrit (DM) 8¼% 1987-88	91½	92½
Sun Int Fin (DM) 8¼% 1988	91½	92½
Trans Euro Pipeline (DM) 8¼% 1993	91½	92½
Vivers-Alpine (DM) 8¼% 1988	91½	92½

DM = Deutschemark notes. FF = French Franc issue. Source: Kidder, Peabody Securities, London.



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Latest dividends

All dividends in new pence or appropriate currencies.

Company (and par values)	Ord div	Year ago	Pay date	Year's total	Prev year
Atlas Electric (25p) Fin	1.04	0.9	14/6	1.54	1.4
Automotive Products (25p)	2.05	1.95	17/6	2.05	1.95
Bank of Ireland (£1) Fin	14.0	11.7†	12/7	20.0	15.0†
Cement Clarke (25p) Fin	1.70	1.62†	24/6	2.64	2.52†
Dunlop (50p) Fin	2.5	1.66	—	5.0	5.0
Eng & Caledonian (25p) Fin	1.86	1.62	5/7	2.79	2.5
External Inv Tst (£1) Fin	1.56	1.25	1/7	3.06	2.5
Feb Int (10p) Fin	0.8	0.73	—	1.8	1.73
C. Harrison (25p) Fin	2.7	2.5	1/7	4.27	4.08
Head Wrightson (25p) Fin	2.29	2.15	11/7	3.29	3.15
Int Telephone & T Ctly	35§	31§	—	—	132§
Lloyds & Scottish (20p) Int	1.87	1.8	1/8	—	4.09
Lichalimos & Gen (20p) Fin	0.96	0.9	3/8	1.46	1.4
Mothercare (10p) Fin	4.76	4.0	—	5.91	5.0
MC Inv (12½p)	1.87††	1.87	12/7	1.87††	1.87
Melmadulla Hldgs (£1) Int	3.99	4.0	31/5	—	7.6
Save & Pros Lnkd (10p) Int	5.12	4.62	1/6	10.10	8.72
Scottish Heritable (25p) Fin	1.03	1.12	—	2.95	1.87
Tern-Consulate (25p) Fin	Nil	3.32	—	0.75	4.57
Transatlntc & Gen (£1) Fin	1.75	1.25	1/7	3.0	2.5
Transvaal Cons Land Int	20§	13§	10/7	—	38§
View Forth Inv (25p) Fin	0.81†	1.12	—	1.34†	1.62
White Drummond (5p) Int	1.46	1.31	3/6	—	3.49
Young Com Inv (£1) Fin	2.12	2.0	22/6	3.6	3.0

Adjusted for scrip. ‡For 9 months. §Cents a share. †† Company correction.

Johnson Group Cleaners

Dividend maximum permitted
Confident of long term prospects

Salient points from the statement by the Chairman, Mr. Tom Johnson.

- Turnover net of VAT rose to £11,360,000 (£10,194,000). Total Group profit was £1,233,532 (£1,273,842) and the surplus before tax amounted to £1,282,831 (£1,233,256). The net profit was £685,055 (£708,425).
- The total dividend of 2.02125p per share represents a 5% increase, the maximum permitted.
- The year started well but, as expected, the enforced increase in our cleaning charges to cover the introduction of VAT from 1st April affected intake from then on.
- In August terms were agreed for the acquisition of Alpha Dry Cleaners which operate throughout South Wales.
- Additional properties were released for rental during the year. All possible shop property developments continue to be explored and several projects are either already in hand or at the planning stage.
- During the year the Group agreed to become the United Kingdom holders of the Apparelmaster licence. Apparelmaster is a system of garment rental trading. A promising start to this new project has already been made.
- Taking the long term view the Board are confident that the Group with its inherent strength will, after surviving the effects of the present national crisis, emerge poised ready for further progress.
- At the annual general meeting Mr. Johnson stated that after a poor start in the early weeks of the current year business had substantially improved and the Group was now trading well on all fronts.

Copies of the Report and Accounts can be obtained from The Secretary, Mildmay Road, Bootle, Lancs. L20 5EW.

Reports

Ocean emphasis on bulk cargo

Reduced dependence on the liner trades and development of the bulk cargo business are two of the main planks of future policy for Ocean Transport & Trading and outlined by Mr J. Lindsay Alexander in his review.

The chairman says investment in the bulk cargo field should be in the region of £150m to £200m by the end of the decade. Further, the company plans to expand into related activities to reduce the effect of international trading cycles on both the liner and bulk trades.

As an example of this Mr Alexander quotes Ocean Inchcape —"a natural growth point in the energy industry"—and Cory Distribution which is seen as another "substantial" opportunity. Taking all into consideration the chairman says he will be disappointed if profits this year are not "materially higher" than the record £19.1m pre-tax earned in 1973.

Group Lotus Car

While the success of the new Elite car will bear greatly on the future, Mr Colin Chapman, chairman of Group Lotus Car Companies, is confident. However, no forecast for the year is possible because of current economic conditions. Last year much of the company's main technical effort went into refining and tooling-up for the new car, and nearly all the development expenditure for it was incurred by January 6. Specialist tools and services relating to a new body process and costing £54,000 were purchased from a company wholly-owned by certain group directors.

The company has arranged bank facilities to cover the higher working capital temporarily required for the introduction of new models.

Sales of existing models were kept up in the first quarter because adequate stocks were to hand by the end of 1973.

A revaluation of group land and buildings produced a figure of £2m, which is £842,000 over cost.

Mining

TCL earnings up sharply

Higher dividends from its substantial platinum and gold interests—the company owns 7.84m shares in Union Platinum and 2.58m Harmony shares—has helped Transvaal Consolidated Land to double its interim pre-tax profits to R6.03m. Further impetus came from the consolidation of Witbank Colliery and Welgedacht Exploration as controlled subsidiaries while dealing profits chipped in R603,000 compared with R646,000 for the preceding 12 months.

Interim earnings, then, on the slightly increased capital have risen from 36c to 61.7c a share and the expectation is that this satisfactory performance will be repeated in the current half with the exception of the dealing profits which were worth 8.3c.

So one is looking at a full year outturn of around 115c (71p) and a prospective p/e of 14 with the shares at £10. The interim dividend has been raised from 13c to 20c and it is hoped to pay a final of 35c where the prospective yield is a reasonable 3.4 per cent.

With its major coal interests, TCL offers good investment opportunities in the longer term.

INCO confident on nickel outlook

Mr Ken Delonge, vice-president of International Nickel, expects that with the increased level of production this year and in 1975, the metal will inevitably be in a balanced supply-demand position in 1975. While near-term demand will be strong, he expected that long-term growth would average around 6 per cent.

Union Miniere: Profits in 1973 rose from 960.6m Belgian francs to 1,431.7m (£15.7m), thanks to higher metal prices and an increase in interest and dividend receipts. As already known, the dividend has been raised from 800 francs to 900 a share.

Kinross Mines: Borehole 730/KS 2 being drilled 3,200m northwest from the No 1 shaft has intersected the Kimberley Reef at 1,645m. Gold assayed 3,251 cmg with virtually complete recovery.

Andrew Wilson

The Board of Management of Akzo N.V. announces that the General Meeting of Shareholders, held on 9th May, 1974, decided to distribute for the fiscal year 1973 a dividend of fl. 3,80 per ordinary share of fl. 20,-.

As an interimdividend of fl. 1,20 was made payable on 18th January, 1974, the final dividend amounts to fl. 2,60 per ordinary share of fl. 20,-.

Shareholders may elect not later than 31st August, 1974, to receive the final dividend in cash or in ordinary shares of Akzo N.V., chargeable to capital surplus.

As from 22nd May, 1974, the final dividend will therefore be payable on dividend coupon No. 10 as follows:
fl. 2,60 in cash per ordinary share of fl. 20,- less 25% Withholding Tax or - at the option of shareholders (provided they give notice to the Company prior to 1st September, 1974) - one new ordinary share against delivery of the dividend coupons No. 10 of 18 ordinary shares.

Any charges to be made to the holders of shares in respect of the exchange of their coupons will be payable by Akzo N.V.

As from 1st September, 1974, dividend coupon No. 10 will only be payable in cash with fl. 2.50 less 25% Withholding Tax.

The new shares which will be entitled to dividend as from 1974, will be available in denominations of 1, 5 and 50 shares of fl. 20,- per value.

The dividend will be payable at:
Barclays Bank Limited, Branch Securities Department, 54 Lombard Street, London EC3P 3AH.

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Residents of other countries

For residents of countries other than the United Kingdom with which the Netherlands has a Double Taxation Agreement, the rate of Withholding Tax (if any) will be adjusted upon provision by the presenting authorised depositary of the completed necessary document (Form 92 series etc.).

Where no such Form is submitted Withholding Tax at the rate of 25% will be withheld.

United Kingdom Tax at standard rate will be deducted unless claims are accompanied by the appropriate affidavit forms.

Information concerning any of the above-mentioned documents may be obtained from Barclays Bank Limited, Branch Securities Department.

Arnhem, 10th May, 1974

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Salient figures from our Consolidated Balance Sheet as at December 31, 1973

	in millions of DM 1973	1972
Balance sheet total	56 589	48 415
Total volume of loans	42402	37738
Loans extended on bills	3483	4547
Loans and advances to customers	21188	18738
Long-term loans under mortgage bank terms	10945	9352
Guarantees	4795	3295
Loans to banks	1990	1806
Bonds	1743	1686
Other securities — mainly marketable stocks	1225	1332
Deposits from customers	40193	35740
Sight deposits	6663	6513
Time deposits	12312	10099
savings deposits incl. savings certificates	10514	9289
Long-term loans obtained for mortgage bank transactions	10704	9839
Capital	1643	1471
Share capital	534	464
Published reserves incl. compensatory item	1109	967

Auditor's confirmatory certificate not modified by any reservations has been issued. The annual accounts are to be published in the "Bundesanzeiger" (Federal Gazette) No. 97 on May 23, 1974.

Dresdner Bank

Bank Base Rates

Barclays Bank ..	12½%
FNFC	13 %
*Hill Samuel	●13 %
C. Hoare & Co..	⁑12½%
Lloyds Bank ..	12½%
Midland Bank ..	12½%
Nat Westminster	12½%
Shenley Trust ..	13 %
20th Cent Bank	12½%
G. T. Whyte ..	13 %
Williams&Glyn's	12½%

* Members of Accepting Houses Committee.

● Demands deposits £5% £10,000 and over

⁑ 7 day deposits in excess of £10,000 up to £25,000 11% over £25,000 11½%.

MARKET REPORTS

Wall Street

New York, May 9.—The New York stock market picked up today. The Dow Jones industrial average climbed strongly, 14.78 points to 865.7, but the overall market gain was narrowly based with trading on the slow side.

Gaining issues moderately outnumbered declines about 790 to 580. Volume totalled 14,710,000 shares compared with 11,850,000 yesterday.

Brokers said some buying was encouraged by the report as stocks opened for trading that United States wholesale prices in April showed their lowest rate of advance since October. When the index declined. However, analysts noted that the figures were for the period prior to the end of controls and that a new surge in wholesale prices is expected this month.

Construction Engineering was one of the most active issues, climbing 8 to 54½. The issue plunged 28 5-8 points yesterday.

National Union Electric fell 3⅝ to 20¼. Gold mining shares were strong. Asa Ltd gained 3⅞ to 76⅝.

	May 9	May 8
Allied Chem.	46⅝	45
Allied Stores	24⅜	24⅝
AlliedSupermkt.	3¾	3¾
Allis Chalmers	9¼	9¼
Alcoa	42¾	43⅝
Amerada Hess	25¾	25¾
Am. Airlines	10½	10⅝
Am. Brands	30⅝	30⅝
Am. Broadcast	20¾	20⅝
Am. Can	23⅝	23⅝
Am. Cyan.	21¾	21¾
Am. El. Power	22¾	21⅞
Am. Home	40¾	40¾
Am. Met. Climax	46¾	46⅝
Am. Motors	7¼	7¼
Am. Nat. Gas	34⅝	33¾
Am. Smelt.	23¾	23⅝
Am. Standard	13⅝	13⅝
Am. Tel.	47⅛	47⅛
Amf. Inc.	17⅞	17⅞
Anaconda	21¾	21¾
Armco Steel	21¾	21⅝
Ashland Oil	23¼	23⅛
Atl. Richfield	93¾	93⅝
Avco	6	6
Avon Prod.	45¾	44⅝
Babcock & Wcox	24½	24⅜
Bankers Tst NY	30¾	30⅝
Bank of Am.	29⅜	29⅜
Bank of N.Y.	30⅜	30⅜
Beat Foo.	20⅜	20⅜
Bect. Dick	17¾	17¾
Bell & Howell	17¾	17¾
Bendix	26¾	26¾
Beth. Steel	32¾	32¾
Boeing	19½	19¾
Boise Cascade	17⅛	17⅛
Borden	24¾	24⅝
Borg Warner	19	19⅜
Bristol Myers	48¼	47¾
BP	12	11⅞
Budd	10⅝	10⅝
Burl. Ind.	23¾	24⅜
Burlington Nthn	39⅝	39¾
Burroughs	107¾	108¼
Campbell Soup	36¾	35⅞
Canadian Pac.	14⅞	14⅝
Caterpillar	52¾	51⅞
Celanese	34½	33¾
Central Soya	17	17⅛
Charter N.Y.	26¾	27⅛
Chase Manhat.	44¾	43⅞
Chem. Bk. N.Y.	30	29¾
ChesapeakeOhio	45⅝	45⅝
Chrysler	17	16⅞
Citicorp	39	38½
Cities Serv.	44½	45⅜
Clark Equip	38¾	39¾
Coca Cola	109¾	104
Colgate	25¾	26
C.B.S.	38¾	36¾
Columbia Gas	23¾	23¾
Comb Eng	54¾	54¾
Comw. Edison	26	25⅞
Con. Edison	9½	9⅝
Cons Foods	29	28⅝
Cons Power	13	12⅞
Cont. Can.	34½	35
Cont. Oil	40	38¾
Control Data	31	30⅜
Corning Glass	38½	38
C.P.C. Intnl.	35¾	33⅝
Crane	23¾	23⅜
Crocker Int	20⅜	20⅞
Crown Zeller	31	30¾
Dart Ind.	17¾	18⅛
Deere	29	28¾
Del Monte	20⅜	20⅜
Delta Air	64½	63
Detroit Edison	13¾	13⅝
Distil. Seagram	40	39½
Disney	46⅞	44⅝
Dow Chem.	66¾	63¼
Dresser Ind.	44¾	44⅜
Duke Power	15½	15¾
Du Pont	178	175½
Eastern Air	6⅝	6⅝
East. Kodak	108½	108¾
Eaton Corp.	29½	29⅝
El Paso G.	12¾	12¾
Equitable Life	14⅜	14¼
Esmark	30¾	30¾
Evans P. D.	9¾	9⅝
Exxon Corp	79	77⅞
Fed. D. Strs.	31¾	31¾
Firestone	18	17½
Fst. Chicago	23	23
Fst. Nt. Boston	36¾	35¾
Fst. Penn Corp	30⅝	29⅞
Ford	52⅞	51½
G.A.F. Corp.	9	9
Gamble Skogmo	29⅝	29¼
Gen. Dynam.	25¾	25¾
Gen. Electric	50⅞	51¾
Gen. Foods	24¾	24⅞
Gen. Instr.	12¾	12¾
Gen. Mills	35¾	35¾
Gen. Motors	40¾	40
GenPubUtlN.Y.	13	13⅛
Gen. Tel. El.	23⅜	23⅞
Gen. Tire	13⅜	13⅝
Gerber	7¾	8
Georgia Pac	42¾	41⅞
Getty Oil	128¾	125¾
Gillette	34	34⅛
Goodrich	23⅝	23⅝
Goodyear	17⅞	16⅞
Gould Inc.	23¾	23⅞
Grace	34⅝	34⅝
Grant W.T.	7¾	8
Gt. At. & Pac.	13¾	14
Greyhound	15¾	15¾
Grumman Cp.	11⅜	11⅜
Gulf Oil	21½	21⅝
Gulf Wn. Ind.	23¾	23⅝
Heinz. H. J.	45¾	45¾
Hercules	41¾	41¾
Honeywell	73¾	73¾
Illinois Cent Ind	17¾	17⅝
Ingersoll	17¾	17¾
Inland Steel	31	31
I.B.M.	256½	256
Int. Harv.	31¾	32⅛
Int. Nickel	31	30¾
Int. Paper	49	47¾
Int. Tel. Tel.	29¾	29
Jewel Co	41⅝	40⅝
Jim Walter	22¾	22⅝
Johns Manv.	19	19
Johnson & John	113½	110½
Kaiser Alum.	23¾	23¾
Kennecott	38¾	38¾
Kerr McGee	71¼	70¾
Kimb. Clk	30¾	30
Kraftco Cp.	47¾	45¾
Kresge S.S.	37¾	37¾
Kroger	22¾	22¾
Lgtt. Myer	30½	30
Litton	9¾	9¾
Lockheed	6¾	6¾
Lucky Stores	11¾	11¾
Magnavox	25¾	24¾
Manuf Hanover	30¾	30¾
Marcor	22¾	22¾
Marathon Oil	38¾	38¾
Marcor Inc.	28¾	28¾
Marine Mid.	22	22
Martin Mar.	16⅝	16⅝
McDonnell	16⅝	16¾
Mead	15	15¼
Merck	81½	80
Minn. Min.	73¾	71½
Mobil Oil	45	44¾
Monsanto	54¾	54¾
Morgan McC.	17¾	17⅝
Morgan. J. P.	63¾	64¾
Motorola	56	56
Nat. Dist.	13¾	13¾
Nat. Disc.	36¾	34¾
Nat Cash Reg.	36⅝	35¾
Nat. Distill.	12¾	13⅜
Nat. Steel	34¾	33⅝
Norfolk West	62½	61¾
NW Bancor	45	50
Norton Simon	15¾	14⅝
Occ. Pet.	19¾	19¾
Ogden	17⅜	17⅜
Olin Corp.	19	18½
Otis Elev.	30¾	30¾
Owens Ill.	38¾	38¾
Pac. Gas. El.	22¾	23
Pan. Am.	2⅜	2⅜
Penn. Cent.	3	3
Pennzoil U C.	73¼	72¾
Pennzoil	24¾	25
Pepsico	57¾	56¾
Pet Corp	25¾	25¾
Pfizer	34¾	34
Phelps Dod.	40⅝	40½
Philip Mor.	110¾	107½
Phill. Pet.	54¾	54¾
Polaroid	62¾	62¾
P.P.G. Ind.	38¾	38
Proc. Gamble	99	97¾
Pub.Ser.El&Gas	17¾	18¼
Pullman	53¾	54
Rapid American	12¾	12¾
Raytheon	35¾	35¾
RCA Corp	17	16¾
Republ. Steel	24¾	24½
Reynolds Ind.	42¾	43⅜
Reynolds Metal	36¾	35¾
Roan Sel. Tr.	6¾	6¾
Rockwell Int	26½	26½
Royal Dutch	32¾	31⅝
Safeway	42¾	41⅝
St. Regis	29⅜	28
Santa Fe Ind	31½	31½
SCM	11⅝	11¾
Schering Plough	71⅝	70½
Schlumbgr.	108¾	107¾
Scott. Paper	16	16
Seaboard Coast	23⅞	23⅞
Sears Roe.	88	87
Shell Oil	32	32⅛
Shell Trans.	33	32¾
Signal Co	19¾	19¾
Singer	25¾	25¾
Sony	37¼	37
Sth Cal Edison	19¾	19⅝
Southern Pac.	31½	31⅝
Southern Rly.	40¾	40¾
Sperr Rand	25¾	26¼
Squibb	63	63
Std. Brands	54⅝	54⅝
Std. Oil Cal.	27⅝	28¼
Std. Oil Ind.	38¾	37¾
Std. Oil Ohio	36¾	37¼
Sterling Drug	26	26⅝
Stevens J.P.	28	28
Stude Worth	30¾	31
Sunbeam Cp.	17¾	17¾
Sundstrand	21⅞	21⅞
Sun Oil	40¾	39¾
Teledyne	11	12
Tenneco	23¾	23¾
Texaco	27¾	27¾
TexasEastTrans	34⅝	34⅝
Texas Inst.	113¾	110¾
Texas Utilities	18¾	17¾
Textron	22¾	22¾
T.W.A.	10¾	10
Travelers Cp.	25¾	25¾
T.R.W. Inc.	31	30¾
U.A.L. Inc.	23¾	24¾
Unilever Ltd.	26½	25
Unilever N.V.	43¾	43
Unionamerica	9	9
Union Bancorp	10⅞	10⅞
Union Carb.	43¾	42½
Un. Oil Cal.	45⅞	46⅜
Un. PacificCorp.	83¾	84
Uniroyal	8¾	8¾
United Aircraft	29½	28½
United Brands	7	7
UtdMerch&Man	20¾	20¾
U.S. Industries	7⅞	8
U.S. Steel	46½	45¾
Wachovia	24½	24½
Warner Comm	13¾	13¾
WarnerLambert	25¾	25¾
Wells Fargo	21¾	21½
West'n Bancorp	21	22
Westghs El.	16½	16⅝
Weyerhaeuser	43¾	44
Whirlpool	20½	20½
White Motor	13	13¾
Woolworth	17½	17½
Xerox Cp.	116	112¾
Zenith	25	25¾

Canadian Prices

Abitibi	11⅞	12
Alcan	32¾	32¾
Alc. Steel	28¾	28¾
Asbestos	17⅝	17⅝
Bell Tel.	41	40⅝
Can. Sup. Oil	44¾	43¾
Can. Inv. Fd.	5.02	4.97
Cominco	27⅞	27⅞
Cons. Bat.	24¾	25½
Distiller	19¾	19¾
Falconbridge	30¾	29¾
Gulf Oil	29	28¾
Hawker Can.	5.02	5.00
Hud. Bay Min	20¾	20
Hud. Bay Oil	34½	34
I.A.C. Ltd.	15½	15⅝
Imasco	28	27⅞
Inco. Ltd	23	22⅞
Int. Pipe	17¾	17¾
Mass.-Fergus.	17¾	17¾
Power Cp.	21	10¾
Price Bros.	13	13⅜
Royal Trust	22½	21⅝
Steel Co.	30½	30¾
Tex. Can.	46	45¾
Trans. Mnt. Oil	14	13¾
Walker H.	46¾	47
W.C.T.	19¾	20

● Ex Div. a Asked. c Ex Distribution. h Bid. k Market Closed. n New Issue. p Stock Split. t Traded. y Unquoted.

Foreign exchange.—Sterling, spot, $2.4325 ($2.4345); three months, $2.4060 ($2.39⅞); Canadian dollar, 103.44c (103.69c).

The Dow Jones averages.—Industrials, 865.77 (850.99); transportation, 174.33 (172.91); utilities, 78.89 (78.44); 65 stocks, 262.51 (258.84).

New York Stock Exchange index, 49.09 (48.52); industrials, 54.59 (53.75); transportation, 35.19 (34.80); utilities, 31.34 (31.09); financial, 54.37 (54.76).

Foreign Exchange

Active trading in the mark

The German mark registered fresh exchange fluctuations in European currency markets yesterday. At one stage it displayed an effective *de facto* floating revaluation against the dollar of 11.5 per cent, compared with its notional central rate.

However, the German currency failed to hold its strongest levels of the session, closing steady at 2.4195-4210 against the United States unit, compared with 2.4210-30 overnight. The mark had advanced to 2.4030-60 immediately after mid-session, in heavy trading activity associated with speculation about some form of further European currency realignment.

The market was unsettled by the reported remarks of the chairman of the German Government's economic advisory council, Herr Norbert Kloten. He is alleged to have said that Germany could upvalue the mark, but a continuation of the European joint float would be preferable.

The dollar was weak in most Continental centres for much of the day, notably against the Swiss franc and guilder (in addition to the mark). As a consequence, some support was believed to have been given to the less strong currencies within the European joint float. Late in the day the dollar rallied, recovering most of its early losses.

Sterling rose a net 15 points, to close at $2.4315, after earlier touching $2.4360 against the dollar. But the pound's effective devaluation rate widened marginally to 17.40 from 17.30 per cent.

Spot Position of Sterling

	Market rates (day's range) May 9	Market rate (close) May 9
New York	$2.4325-4345	$2.4310-4320
Montreal	$2.3390-3525	$2.3405-3445
Amsterdam	8.20-8.21	8.22-8.231
Brussels	90 90-91.20f	90.70-95f
Copenhagen	14.12-19k	14.13-15½k
Frankfurt	8.95-9.00m	8.96-9.00m
Lisbon	59.25-59.00e	59.25-75e
Madrid	139.00-75p	139.00-50p
Milan	1513-23lc	1514-16lc
Oslo	12.53-76k	12.54-57k
Paris	11.71-77f	11.74-75f
Stockholm	10.24-30k	10.24½-26½k
Tokyo	670-80y	674-76y
Vienna	43.45-90sch	43.45-55sch
Zurich	6.97-7.00f	6.99-7.00f

Forward Levels

	1 Month	3 Months
New York	·45-·35c prem	2.65-2.85c prem
Montreal	·55-·35c prem	2.35-2.55c prem
Amsterdam	2½-1½c prem	9-8½c prem
Brussels	20-45c disc	10-35c disc
Copenhagen	3½-2½ore disc	17-20o disc
Frankfurt	3¼-2¼pf prem	10½-9½pf prem
Lisbon	70c prem-par	140c prem-par
Milan	8-14lr disc	25-29lr disc
Oslo	14-17o disc	16½-19½ore disc
Paris	1c prem-par disc	6-4c prem
Stockholm	9-12o disc	16½-19½o disc
Vienna	40sch prem-par	75-85sch prem
Zurich	3¼-2¼c prem	12-11c prem

On the bullion market, the gold price jumped $6 an ounce to $166. This followed an equally sharp fall over recent days. The recovery was described as a reaction to the sizable liquidations of the past week.

Adequate supply of funds

Once again (the third day in succession), London discount houses needed no help from the Bank of England, yesterday. Early indications of a possible credit shortage proved somewhat inaccurate, and the supply of funds was adequate in the event.

Houses met some calling, but not enough to be troublesome, and rates that started around 11⅜ per cent had come off to about 11 per cent by the end of the morning. After lunch, money was being offered in quite sizable amounts, which houses obtained at steadily declining rates. Books were balanced over the range of 9 to 10 per cent, and most discount houses escaped a late upturn in rates in other markets—the interbank rate jumping to 13 per cent before turning back down to 10 or 11 per cent.

Business was seen in "eligible" bills at varying rates. Buyers were noted at prices from 13⅜ to 13¼ per cent.

Factors in the market's favour included a fall in note circulation and the distribution of some of the £100m that the Government set aside to help the building societies (there was, it seems, some money from this source on Wednesday, too).

Against the market the main influences were a run-down of bankers' balances (carried over from Wednesday), a net Treasury bill take up, a margin of tax receipts over Exchequer disbursements, and commercial bills maturing into official hands.

The Times Share Indices

The Times Share Indices for 09.05.74 (base date June 2, 1964, original base date June 2, 1935)=—

	Index No. Latest	Div. Yield %	Earnings Yield %	Index No. Previous
The Times Industrial Share Index	119.60	7.12	13.99	118.79
Largest cos.	118.51	7.12	13.53	115.38
Smaller cos.	124.21	7.15	14.20	123.61
Capital goods	122.94	7.30	14.81	122.43
Consumer goods	136.33	6.71	12.92	138.44
Store shares	100.29	7.46	10 29	100.53
Largest financial shares	159.00	5.39	—	158.15
Largest financial and industrial shares	126 22	8.79	—	126.09
Commodity shares	260.16	3.96	8.38	260.57
Gold mining shares	501.19	4.91	6.22	493.58
Industrial debenture stocks	72.98	8.46*	—	72.73
Industrial preference stocks	52.56	13.20*	—	51.77
3½% War Loan	24¾	● 14.18*	—	24½

A record of The Times Industrial Share Indices is given below:—

	High	Low
All-time	196.47 (15.08.72†)	63.84† (16.07.52)
1974	136.18 (28.02.74)	107.81 (01.04.74)
1973	159.33 (12.01.73)	120.99 (14.12.73)
1972	198 47 (15.08.72)	174 45 (10 01 73)
1971	174.17 (31.12.71)	122.93 (05.03.71)
1970	145.78 (14.01.70)	110.75 (26.05.70)
1969	171.95 (31.01.69)	122.98 (29.07.69)

† Adjusted to 1964 base date.
* Flat interest yield.
● Ex-dividend.

Money Market Rates

Bank of England Minimum Lending Rate 12% (Last changed 11/4/74)

Clearing Banks Base Rate 12½%

Discount Mkt. Loans 12%

Overnight: Open 11½ Close 9

Week Fixed: 11⅝-11⅞

Treasury Bills (Disc%)

Buying	Selling
2 months 11⅝	2 months 11½
3 months 11⅝	3 months 11½

Prime Bank Bills (Disc%) Trades (Disc%)

2 months 13⅛-12⅞	3 months 13⅜-13⅛
3 months 13⅜-13⅛	4 months 13⅜-13⅛
4 months 13⅜-13⅛	5 months 13⅜-13⅛
6 months 13⅜-13⅛	

Local Authority Bonds

1 month 12¾-12⅝	6 months 14⅝-14⅜
2 months 13⅝-13½	9 months 14⅜-13⅞
3 months 13⅞-13⅝	9 months 14⅜-14
4 months 13⅝-13⅜	10 months 14⅜-14⅛
5 months 13⅜-13⅛	11 months 14⅜-14⅛
6 months 13⅜-13⅛	12 months 14⅛-14⅜

Secondary Mkt. ECD Rates (%)

1 month 12⅝-12⅜	6 months 13⅜-13⅛
3 months 13⅜-13⅛	12 months 14⅛-14⅜

Local Authority Market (%)

2 days 12	3 months 13½
7 days 12½	6 months 13⅝
1 month 12¾	1 year 13⅝

Interbank Market (%)

Overnight: Open 12	Close 10
1 week 12¾	6 months 13⅜
1 month 12⅝	9 months 14⅛
3 months 13⅜	12 months 14⅜

First Class Finance Houses (Mkt. Rate %)

3 months 13¾-14	6 months 14⅛

Finance House Base Rate 13%

Recent Issues

Ac Mort 14%c 1984 (1998†)	£10⅝ +⅛
Black Arrow Gp 50p Ord (50)	32
Brooke Tool 12½p Cnv	£10

	Latest date of renun	
RIGHTS ISSUES		
Com Bnk Aust (A$1.80)	June 7	250 prem-10
Peko Wallsend (A$0.80†)	—	n £10 paid

Issue price in parentheses. ½ Nil paid. a £10 paid.

Unit Trust prices, page 34

EEC sugar crop

The European Economic Community Statistical Office said in Luxembourg that the EEC 1973 sugar beet crop forecasts are revised upwards to 68.5m tonnes from a previous estimate of 67.6m tonnes. The 1972 crop totalled 65.5m tonnes.

Crude sugar production for 1973-74 is put at 10.2m tonnes compared with 9.6m in 1972-73.—Reuter.

Commodities

$115m coffee price plan

At the two-day coffee producers meeting in Puntarenas, Costa Rica, it was agreed to set up a $115m. (£43,750,000) fund to enable exporters to hold out for higher prices instead of selling their coffee immediately, conference sources told Reuters.

Brazil agreed to contribute $100m to the fund, with the remaining amount being supplied by Colombia, Mexico, El Salvador and Costa Rica.

It was also decided by Costa Rica, Mexico, El Salvador and Guatemala to set up a marketing company called "Other Milds" with the purpose of stabilizing and improving prices for their coffee in the New York market, the sources said. Brazil and Colombia will help the company as technical and economic advisers, they added.

In London the Robusta terminal moved higher at the opening yesterday following the very steady trend in New York overnight and the constructive outcome of the milds producers' meeting in Costa Rica. Dealers felt that the decision to form a marketing company and establish a fund to enable producers to withhold their coffee from the market was another show of strength by producers in their effort to maintain high price levels. A keen speculative buying interest was evident for most of the session but after the initial rise, dealer selling and profit-taking limited the advance.

However, further speculative support was attracted in the afternoon and prices recorded additional small gains which were consolidated when New York opened steadier. Arabica held steady with a slight improvement in interest on both sides being maintained.

In late afternoon dealings Robusta futures reacted slightly from the highs under profit-taking to close £3 to £11 higher. Arabicas finished 100 points to 45 points higher.

The closing tone in Robustas was quietly steady. May, £593.00-96.0 a long ton (after £597.50); July, £601.0-2.0 (after £605.5); Sept, £619.0-19.5 (after £625.0); Nov, £635.0-5.5 (after £640.0); Jan, £649 0-50.0; March, £659.0-62.0; May, £669.0-78.0. Sales, 2,490 lots, including 35 options.

Arabica contract closed about steady. June, $83.80-84.10 per 50 kilos; Aug, $84.40-86.70; Oct, $86.80-89.00; Dec, $90.90-91.00; Feb, $92.00-92.70; April, $93.50-94.90; June, $94.50-95.80. Sales, 56 lots.

Copper declines £34.50

After early steadiness, aided by overnight United States advices and higher gold, COPPER prices fell sharply on the London Metal Exchange yesterday. Cash wire bars finished £34.50 down at £1,266.50 while three months dropped £34 to £1,232.50.

The movement stemmed from an easier nearby situation with talk of a further stock increase this week coupled with a drying up of buying interest noted in premarket. While some quarters reported East and West German demand, most dealers said the physical market was quiet. Trade sources continued to assess the implications of the new pricing policy announced by Copper Range in the United States on Wednesday. Some quarters still felt the move to be slightly bearish.

The market continued easier in the afternoon following early New York advices which triggered off liquidation and stop loss selling.

In curb dealings, however, prices rallied on some late covering interest and three months finished at £1,240 compared with £1,233 last paid in the ring.

Afternoon.—Cash wire bars, £1,265-68 a metric ton; three months, £1,232-33. Sales, 3,900 tons. Cash cathodes, £1,258-59; three months, £1,207-12. Sales, 1,125 tons. Morning.—Cash wire bars, £1,280-85; three months, £1,248-49. Settlement, £1,265. Sales, 3,075 tons. Cash cathodes, £1,235-37; three months, £1,215-20. Settlement, £1,237. Sales, 3,025 tons.

SILVER prices rose strongly following the limit up advance in New York overnight and higher gold in London. At the close LME prices were 14.75p to 15p higher. Bullion market fixing levels.—Spot, 221.8p a troy ounce (United States cents equivalent, 544.5); three months, 232.5p (560.1c); six months, 240.8p (570.9c); one-year, 243.9p (587.5c). London Metal Exchange.—Afternoon.—Cash, 220.0-27.0p; three months, 235.0-38.5p; seven months, 245.0-49.0p. Sales, 212 lots of 10,000 troy ounces. Morning.—Cash, 224.0-34.5p; three months, 243.5-44.5p. Settlement, 224.5p. Sales, 126 lots.

TIN closed barely steady with interest subdued. Heavy liquidation of cash metal underlined any steadier tendency and the market mined any steadier tendency and the market was further discouraged by the trend in copper. Cash closed £7.50 lower while three months lost £6.50. Afternoon.—Cash, £3,970-75 a metric ton; three months, £3,990-95. Sales, 1,115 tons. Morning.—Cash, £3,964.00; three months, £4,000-12. Settlement, £3,990. Sales, 475 tons. Singapore tin ex-works, $41.37½ a picul.

LEAD steady. Afternoon.—Cash, £164.00-65.00 a metric ton; three months, £181.00-11.50. Sales, 955 tons. Morning.—Cash, £161.50-62.00; three months, £180.50-81.00. Settlement, £165.00. Sales, 5,675 tons.

ZINC.—News of labour troubles at Broken Hill's mines in Australia gave an early boost which opened the tone at about £17 higher. But the market was unsettled by the downturn in copper which prompted profit-taking and other selling. Freer offerings of cash metal was seen in the afternoon and this position closed £11 easier while three months fell £14. Afternoon.—Cash, £810.00-13.00 a metric ton; three months, £775.00-75.00. Settlement, £834.00. Sales, 2,925 tons. Producers' price, £330 a metric ton. All afternoon metal prices are unofficial.

PLATINUM advanced £4.50 to £87.00-890.00 ($231.50-$218.50) a troy ounce.

RUBBER opened around previous closing levels in spite of a slightly easier after hours tone in the East and very quiet trading persisted throughout the morning. Later a steadier trend developed and some speculative hedge covering developed in Oct/Dec and adjacent forward positions. Physicals still failed to attract fresh consumer demand and price movements were less pronounced. The market closed steadier with landeds 0.25p to 1p per kilo higher and c&f's 1p up to 0.10p down.

Cif's Malayan No. 1 RSS.—June, 34.75-35.25p per kilo; July, 34.25-34.75p; Sept, 34.50-35.00p; September, 34.75-35.25p; July, 36.00-37.00p; Aug, 37.00-38.00p; July/Sept, 37.00-38.00p; Oct/Dec, 39.25-40p; Jan/March, 39.50-40.50p; April/June, 39.50-40.50p; July/Sept, 39.50-40.00p; Oct/Dec, 39.50-40.00p; Jan/March, 39.75-40.00p; April/June, 39.75-40.25p.

WOOL steady. May, 208.0-18.0p per kilo; July, 210.0-15.0p; Oct, 200.0-10.0p; Dec, 200.0-10.0p; March, 197.0-210.0p; May, 195.0-208.0p; July, 195.0-206.0p; Oct, 195.0-205.0p. Sales, nil.

Bradford.—In spite of considerable purchasing by the Australian Wool Corporation nearing 20 per cent of total offerings of most sales, the easier trend has continued. Top quotations are down by about 5p per kilo, rather more on broader merinos and fine crossbreds. Business is naturally very quiet and topmakers are reporting extremely low bids from spinners. Top quotations.—64's warp, 225p; 60's super, 210p; 58's super, 192p; 56's super, 158p; 50's carded, 144p; all carded, 142p.

JUTE quiet. Bangladesh white "C" grade, May/June, £164 nominal; white "D" grade, May/June, £154 nominal, a long ton. Calcutta market steady. Indian, May/June, Rs381 value; Dundee Dairee, May/June, Rs382 value, a bale of 400lb.

RUBBER quiet. No. 1 RSS 08% a metric ton: "A" grade, £880; No 2 tons, $1.07½; No 2 ord, $1.07½; No 3 ord, $1.06½; UC, $1.06½; No 1 tow, $920; No 2 tow, $910. All sellers, May/June.

PEPPER slightly easier. White Sarawak, faq, c & f European ports, £970 a long ton; Black Sarawak, special "c" cif European ports, £870; Black Malabar, cif U.K., £830. All sellers, April/May.

WHEAT (Smithfield).—HOME-Scotch killed sides, 31.0p (nominal quotation) and 29.0-30.0p per lb; English forequarters fleswyt, 19.0-21.0p; Eire forequarters, 19.0-21.0p; Argentine chilled bonelesss cuts: strip loins, 70.0-80.0p; topside, 60.0p; top sides, 45.0-46.0p; silverside, 44.5-46.0p; thicks, 43-450p.

VEAL.—English fats, 33.0p (special quotation) and 28.0-32.0p; English Dabbies, 15.0p (special quotation) and 10.0-13.0p; Scotch hinds, 10.0-14.0p; Dutch hinds and ends, 24.0-30.0p.

LAMB.—English wrys, 30.0-44.0p; medium, 38.0-42.0p; heavy, 37.0-40.0p; imported lamb: New Zealand D's 25.0-27.5p; 2's 26.0-27.0p; SI's 24.0-26.5p; YL's 24.0-27.0p; YM's 26.0-28.5p; 4's 24.0-26.0p; SHWYTS 23.0-25.0p; Australian, 24.0-30.0p; WSF's, 21.0-24.0p; PORK.—English, under 100lb, 17.0-23.5p; 100-120lb, 17.0-23.5p; 120-140lb, 17.0-21.5p; 140-160lb, 16.0-21.0p; 160lb and over, 15.0-19.5p.

BACON.—Prices for Ulster sides were raised at yesterday's official sterling, the A's going up by £2 a love ton to £695, and the A's and B's by £15 a ton to £570 and £560 respectively. At the price sterling for imported sides, Swedish were estimated by £10 a ton, to £600, but Danish and Irish Republican were left unchanged. Danish sides therefore stay at £640 and non-trade Irish Republican at £600. Total supplies for the week ended May 11 are estimated by the Ministry of Agriculture, at 10,240 tons, compared with 9,090 tons for the previous week.

COCOA opened. The May position fell £20 to £1,080 0-1.0 a metric ton (after £1,070) and July lost £20 at £971 0-2.0 (after £966.0); Sept, £871.0-2.0 (after £860.0); Dec, £771.5-2.0 (after £764.0); March, £679.5-2.0 (after £668.0); May, £642.5-3.0. Sales, 3,490 lots, including four options. ICO prices, daily 92.74 cents per lb; 15-day average, 92.74 cents per lb.

SUGAR steady. The London daily price was fixed £5 to £7.50 a long ton. Aug, £43.75-44.75 (after £47.70); Oct, £42.25-42.50 (after £228.0); Dec, £212.60-.70 (after £216.00); March, £201.00-1.50 (after £204.00); May, £197.25-.50 (nom); Aug, £176.00-.50 (nom); Oct, £165.50-.75. Sales, 4,201 lots. ISA price, 94.61 cents per lb; 15-day average, 93.76 cents per lb.

GRAIN (The Baltic).—WHEAT.—US dark northern spring No 2, 14 per cent, £74.85 prompt shipment east coast seller; US hard winter No 2 red, June Sept, prompt shipment, £73.00 east coast seller; EEC nullum, May/June, £62.25; July, £63.50 east coast seller. MAIZE.—No 3 yellow American, French option May/July, £55.75 prompt shipment east coast seller. BARLEY.—EEC feed, June/July, £54.75 east coast seller. A long ton, cif UK unless stated.

London Grain Futures Market (Gafta).—EEC origin. WHEAT easy. May, £58.25; Sept, £50.15; Nov, £52.00; Jan, £53.95; Jan, £53.95; March, £56.05. BARLEY: Provisional, May, £56.00; Sept, £47.75; Nov, £49.25; Jan, £50.95; March, £53.00. All a long ton.

Mark Lane subdued trading conditions continue in all positions and the undertone of the market was slightly easier. The following are average sellers' quotations a long ton for delivery to London ports.—WHEAT: Millfeed (Sept), May, £3990; June, £80; July, £80

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BELL'S SCOTCH WHISKY "Afore ye go"

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London and Regional Market Prices

Gold shares recover

ACCOUNT DAYS: Dealings Began, April 29 Dealings End, Today § Contango Day, May 13 Settlement Day, May 21
§ Forward bargains are permitted on two previous days

BRITISH FUNDS

1973/74 Low	Stock	Price	Ch'ge	Int. only Yield	Gross Red. Yield
85¼	Conv 3½% 1974	98⅝xw	..		5.386 18.395
13	Treas 3½% 1974	97⅝	+⅛		5.616 11.836
14½	Treas 4½% 1974	97½	..		6.928 11.386
12¾	Treas 6% 1972	98⅝	..		8.342 11.892
73¼	Treas 8½% 1973	99⅝	..		8.556 12.344
85¾	Savings 3½% 1965/75	93⅛	+⅛		3.211 8.623
8	Exch 6½% 1975	92⅝	+⅛		7.051 21.410
16	Treas 6½% 1976	90⅝	+⅛		7.232 11.089
15	Victory 4% 1976	89¾	+⅛		4.155 7.041
15½	Treas 10½% 1976	99¾	+⅛		10.531 14.136
15¾	Treas 8½% 1977	97⅛	+⅛		7.138 11.626
11¾	Elec 3½% 1976-77	85½	+⅛		5.454 8.291
45¾	Treas 11¾% 1977	98¾	+⅛		11.694 12.115
7¼	Treas 4½ 1972-77	83⅝	+⅛		4.785 9.858
58¾	Treas 9½ 1978	90⅝	+⅛		8.965 12.238
54	Exch 9½ 1976-78	81½	+⅛		8.138 10.382
69½	Treas 9¾ 1976	72⅝	..		4.138 8.744
9¾	Elec 4½% 1974-79	79½	..		5.662 10.264
7½	Elec 3½% 1976-79	73¼	+⅛		4.781 9.947
7½	Treas Cnv 9½ 1980	80½	+⅛		10.619 12.796
2½	Funding 5½% 1978-80	74¾	..		7.035 11.072
4½	Treas 9½ 1979	79⅝	..		4.961 10.197
4¾	Treas 3½% 1979-81	58¾	+⅛		5.161 10.215
5½	Treas 8½% 1980-82	82⅝	+⅛		10.625 13.698
5½	Treas 12½ 1983	95¾	..		12.786 13.179
7¼	Funding 9½% 1987-90	95	+⅛		8.987 12.033
4¼	Treas 9½ 1994-96	79½	+⅛		11.950 12.031
7¾	Treas 5½% 1982-84	68⅝	+⅛		8.012 12.000
7¾	Treas 8½% 1990-92	79⅝	+⅛		10.731 12.136
4¾	Treas 9% 1992-96	79⅝	+⅛		11.575 12.062
4¾	Treas 8½% 1993-98	61½	+⅛		13.168 13.377
4¾	Treas 8½% 1997	70¾	+⅛		13.668 14.011
4¾	Treas 9% 1998	71⅝	+⅛		13.804 14.058
4¾	Funding 3½% 1999-04	30¾	+⅛		11.816 12.981
4¾	Treas 9% 2000-08	71⅝	+⅛		12.888 13.094
4¾	Treas 8½% 2008-13	67¼	+⅛		12.889 13.094
4¾	Treas 13% 2012-15	97¾	+⅛		14.033 14.065
4¾	Consols 4%	28¾	..		14.404 ..
4¾	War Ln 3½%	34¾	..		14.036 ..
4¾	Cony 3½%	35¾	..		14.289 ..
4¾	Treas 5%	21	..		14.892 ..
4¾	Conmlg 2½%	17¾	..		14.392 ..
4¾	Treas. 2½% Aft 75	17¾	..		14.415 ..

COMMONWEALTH AND FOREIGN

85¾	Aust 3½% 70-75	93	..		3.869 16.605
77¾	Aust 5½% 76-78	78⅝	..		7.058 12.849
77¾	Aust 5½% 77-80	72½	..		7.701 13.025
59	Aust 5½% 81-83	64	..		8.597 13.067
35¾	Aust 6% 81-83	65¾	..		9.132 12.192
8	Aust 6% 74-76	84⅝	..		6.890 12.305
74	Aust 7½% 79-81	73¾	..		8.795 13.212
2	Berlin 4½% Ass	34	..		.. ..
2	Ceylon 4½% 73-75	39½	..		4.359 14.441
9	Chilean Mtged	94	..		.. ..
8	E Africa 5½% 72-78	56½	..		20.600 15.210
9	German 4½% 1936	19½	..		.. ..
4	Hungary 4½% 1924	28½	..		.. ..
10¾	Ireland 7½% 1993	92¾	..		.. ..
5	Jamaica 7½% 77-79	75¾	..		18.583 15.405
6	Japan Ass 4½% 1910	101	..		.. ..
2	Japan 6½% 1924	38	..		.. ..
7	Kenya 8½% 77-78	96	..		9.379 15.376
4	Malaya 7½% 72-82	79¾	..		10.052 14.100
6	N Z 6½% 76-80	73¾	..		8.495 13.480
6	N Z 6½% 77-79	69¾	..		6.751 12.005
6	N Z 6½% 78-82	69¾	..		10.134 14.320
6	N Z 6½% 83-86	69¾	..		11.800 13.783
6	N Rhd 6½% 78-81	72¾	..		8.481 12.660
6	Nyasa 6½% 78-81	71	..		8.675 13.072
6	Peru 6½%	28	..		.. ..
3	S A Gov 5½% 74-76	88	..		.. ..
3	S Rhd 2½% 63-70	34	..		.. ..
3	S Rhd 4½% 67-69	34	..		.. ..
3	S Rhd 4½% 78-81	34	..		.. ..
4	Spanish 4%	42	..		.. ..
7	Taog 5½% 78-82	57½	..		10.169 28.986
2	Uruguay 3½%	20	..		.. ..

AL AUTHORITIES

19¼	L C C 3% 1920	39¾	•		14.696
32	L C C 5% 60-63	57½	+⅛		8.799 15.478
29	L C C 5½% 77-81	65¾	+⅛		8.506 13.137
29	L C C 5½% 82-84	66¾	+⅛		9.062 13.206
24½	L C C 6% 78-86	72¾	+⅛		10.673 13.501
11	L C C 3% 1912-32	28½	..		10.714 ..
13	L C C 6% 76-78	74	..		8.235 13.312
94¾	L C C 6% 1974	99	..		6.816 12.826
31½	L C C 6½% 58-60	59¾	..		12.425 13.040
85	G L C 6½% 1977	84	..		7.738 13.686
85	G L C 6½% 1977	84	..		7.738 13.686
74	G L C 7½% 1977	83¾	..		13.797 14.059
11	G L C 3% 1912-32	28½	..		10.573 13.568
31	G L C 6% 1978-80	71¾	..		11.889 13.414
74	C of L 6½% 76-78	78¾	..		8.304 13.373
61½	C of L 6½% 80-82	68	..		9.853 13.513
63¾	As Mt 6½% 82-84	68	..		11.866 14.412
45	As Mt 6½% 91-93	54	..		12.727 14.264
45	As Mt 6½% 85-90	57¾	..		13.099 14.647
83¾	Belfast 6½% 77-80	76¾	..		9.747 14.638
78½	Brghtn 6½% 76-79	78½	..		8.607 13.407
34½	Bristol 7½% 76-78	79¾	..		7.542 10.562
78¾	Bucks 5½% 78-82	66	..		9.853 13.513
78	Camden 6½% 77-79	76¾	..		8.529 13.321
69½	Croydon 6½% 78-81	69¾	..		9.738 13.474
72¼	Edin 6½% 77-79	72¾	..		9.325 13.392
71	Glasgow 6½% 78-82	69¾	..		11.738 13.521
74	Gwnsh 6½% 76-78	78	..		8.553 13.577
73½	Herts 6½% 76-77	83¾	..		8.186 13.626
71	Liverpl 6½% 77-79	80¾	..		8.677 13.400
71	Liverpl 6½% 76-77	85¾	..		8.553 13.577
74	Met Water B 6½%	78¾	..		13.667 13.863
67	N I 6½% 78-80	69¾	..		9.523 13.078
67½	N I 6½% 83-84	69¾	..		11.129 14.009
74	N I Elec 6½% 78-82	69¾	..		11.738 15.491
74	Notts 6½% 76-78	78¾	..		8.586 13.594
67½	Shepd. 6½% 77-79	71½	..		7.307 13.628
35¾	S'wark 6½% 78-80	71	..		11.523 13.814
62¾	Surrey 6½% 78-80	71	..		8.594 13.567

REIGN STOCKS

19½	Bayer £50	58½	..	3.8	17.7
580	Commerzbank 675	67⅝	+⅛	4.1	14.9
37	Cp Fs Paris £10	31¾	+⅛	4.5	18.5
29	ERES £1	172	6.6	..	..
19½	Ericsson 100k	38.6	1.3	22.7	..
29	Finnlair 50	38	..	..	..
19¾	Grangesc £25	109	..	3.6	18.2
200	Roechst £25	114	+⅛	11.4	4.3
77	Montecatini E 1	74	..	..	..
19¾	NFU NV	113	..	17.9	5.5
57	Roberco fl.5	387	..	19.9	5.1
17	Rolinco Subs fl 5	362	..	19.3	5.3
13	Sata Viscosa	90	..	..	..
16	Thyssen-Hutte 115	115	+⅛	16.6	5.3
15½	Volkswagen £20	224	..	..	..

ILLAR STOCKS

4¾	Bracem 10	49	+⅛	4.9	6.5
4	BP Canada £1	27½	..	..	..
710	Can Pac Ord 75	73	-1	32.4	4.7
6¾	El Paso 50¢	45¾	..	41.7	6.1
3½	Exxon Corp $4	44¼	..	..	..
4¾	Fluor 62½¢	61½	..	6.5	6.3
18½	Hollinger £1	15½	..	..	..
17½	Hud Bay Oil £1	18¾	..	26.9	1.5
7¼	Husky Oil 25¢	24¾	..	..	..
5½	Int Bldgs £1	13¾	..	13.4	4.9
11	Int Nickel $16⅔	15¾	•	58.2	3.6
7¾	IU Int 25¢	21½	..	32.9	4.4
6¾	Kaiser Alum $12½	11¾	..	38.2	2.6
7¾	Massey-Ferg $20	19¾	..	31.8	2.5
11¾	Pacific Petrol $12½	12¾	..	..	..
570	Pan Canadian 50¢	60¢	..	..	..
6¾	Steep Rock $7	4¾	..	..	..
17¾	Trans Can P $20	17¾	..	..	..
11	US Steel $34⅛	30¾	..	..	..
430	White Pass 420	14¾	3.4	8.0	

NKS AND DISCOUNTS

160	Alexs Discount 220	212	+2	14.5	6.6
2½	Allen R & Ross 4½p	3½	..	5.0	1.6
215	Arb-Latham 220	215	..	9.8	4.5
335	Aust & NZ 462	462	..	13.6b	2.4
19	Bk Napoolin 25	19½	..	13.2b	11.5
370	Bk of Ireland 380	380	..	20.0	5.1
8	Bk Leumi Israel 33	8	..	1.2	3.7
265	Bk Leumi UK 280	280	..	9.5	3.4
68½	Bk of NSW 72½	72½	-10	18.5	2.5
13½	Bk of N Scotia £18½	18½	..	13.2	2.6
215	Bk of Scotland 230	230	-1	10.8	4.7
277	Barclays Bank 293	293	..	10.8	4.2
119	Brit E Disc 130	130	..	6.4	1.5
39	Brit Bk of Com 52	52	..	2.8	3.8
230	Brown Shipley 370	370	..	18.4	5.0
70	Bursion Grp 93	93	..	4.7	3.3
68	Cater Ryder 74	74	..	12.0	9.8
11	Cedar Hldgs 13	13	..	3.0	15.4
198½	Chase NY £23¾	23¾	-¼	201	4.6
172	Citicorp $3.6	172	..	3.6	2.1
177	Com Bk of Aust £22	22	+⅛	9.6b	3.7
162	Com Bk of Syd 185	185	..	7.6	4.1
114	CC De France £162	162	..	58.1	3.6
15	First Nat Fin 20	20	-1	2.4	12.0
15	Fraser Ans 17½	17½	..	1.1	6.0
210	Gerrard & Nat 260	260	-10	16.7	6.4
49	Gibbs A.	49	..	2.5	3.9
175	Gillett Bros 195	195	+5	..	..
125	Guinness Peat 135	135	..	5.4	4.0
23	Hambros £10 £25	25	..	9.6	4.1
200	Do Ord 235	235	..	9.6	4.1
79	Hill Samuel 91	91	+2	4.6	5.0
1570	Hong K & Shang 2250	2250	+30	45.0	2.0
260	Israel Brit 280	280	..	14.4	5.1
52	Jessel Toynbee 65	65	•	5.2	7.9
170	Joseph L. 280	280	..	7.8	2.1
210	Kerser Ullmann 260	260	..	8.9	4.3
119	Kings & Shaxson 134	134	..	9.4	3.5
75	Kleinwort Ben 100	100	-1	4.1	4.1
128	Lloyds Bank 222	222	+5	9.3	4.1
78	Mercury Secs 96	96	..	3.7	3.8
215	Midland 245	245	+5	14.9	6.1
30	Minster Assets 50	50	..	3.3	6.6
77	Nat & Grind 85	85	..	4.8	5.5
233	Nat of Aust 276	276	+3	9.5b	3.4
84	Nat Com Bk Grp 69	69	..	3.4	4.9
270	Nat Westminster 295	295	+5	14.1	4.8
31	Ottoman £36	36	+½	3.8	10.5
110	Rea Bros 110	110	..	7.4	6.7
16½	Royal of Can £18½	18½	..	22.5	12.1
210	Schroders 340	340	..	11.2	3.3
215	Screwfix Dir 230	230	..	9.0	3.9
125	Slater Walker 155	155	-2	8.3	4.4
70	Smith St Aubyn 80	80	..	..	..
395	Stand'd & Chart 415	415	..	17.5	4.2
178	Union Discount 240	240	..	9.9	4.3
76	Wintrust 90	90	..	3.9	4.3

EWERIES AND DISTILLERIES

53	Allied 70	70	..	4.0	6.8
36	Ansil Distilled 49	49	..	1.8	3.7
84	Bass Charrgton 93	93	..	5.3	5.6
86	Bodmin Cons 92	92	-5	4.9	5.3
55	Brown, M. 70	70	..	3.5	5.0
90	Burtmwood 95	95	..	3.3	3.5
78	Cameron J.W. 88	88	..	4.3	4.9
78	C of Lon Dist 95	95	..	5.3	5.6
120	Devenish 140	140	..	6.0	4.3
153	Distillers 195	195	..	11.5	5.9
11	Dist Corp $ £21½	21½	-¼	34.1	1.6
48	Greenall 54	54	..	2.7	5.0
191	Greene King 230	230	..	5.6	4.3
34	Guinness 105	105	-1	5.3	5.0
70	Hardys & H'wood 98	98	..	6.6	6.8
128	Highland 148	148	..	7.0	4.7
20	Invergordon 28	28	..	2.1	7.5
158	Long John Int 158	158	..	8.3	5.3
36	Marston 36	36	..	2.4	6.7
305	Morland & Co 315	315	..	12.4	3.9
43	Scot&Newcastle 51	51	+½	3.4	6.5
74	SA Breweries 168	168	•	5.3b	3.1
220	Teacher 265	265	..	11.6	4.3
100	Tollemache 125	125	..	5.9	4.0
68	Tomatin 85	85	..	3.7	4.4
218	Vaux 238	238	..	17.8	7.5
252	Whitbread 'A' 65	65	+1	5.8	8.9
54	Do B 54	54	..	2.4	4.4
80	Whitbread Inv 95	95	..	3.9	4.1
115	Wolverhampton 220	220	..	6.7	3.0

1973/74 High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Div Pence	Yld %	P/E

COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL

A — B

282	115	AAH	137	+3	11.0	8.0	7.6
53	37	AC Cars	52	..	2.6	5.0	10.8
140	82	AB Electronic	82	+½	5.8	6.1	7.3
155	98	AGB Research	98	+½	4.1	4.2	6.1
315	155	APV Hldgs	180	..	11.5	6.4	8.2
114	58	AVP Ind	58	..	3.5	6.0	7.3
198	65	Aaronson Bros	99	..	5.8	5.8	8.4
78	45	Abbey Panels	48	..	4.0	10.5	7.6
205	70	Acrow	88	..	5.8	6.5	10.6
198	44	Do A	88	..	5.8	6.5	12.8
114	45	Adams Food	51	..	2.5	7.1	9.5
83	15	Addis Ins	15	..	1.1	7.2	5.7
114	45	Advance Elect	50	..	3.6	7.0	9.3
277	93	Advent Group	108	+½	8.6	8.1	6.5
72	28	Aaron's & Gen.	28	..	2.1	7.4	7.6
128	70	Airfix Ind.	120	..	3.7	3.0	12.5
139	39	Do NV	81	..	3.7	4.5	10.3
394	98	Albright & W. 98½	98½	..	5.3	5.3	5.1
104	70	Alcan 10%% Pf	70	..	10.0	14.3	..
97½	68½	Do 9% Cnv £77	77	..	9.0	11.6	..
74	9	Allen E.	9	..	3.9	9.1	..
42	20	Allen W. G.	33	..	3.4	10.4	5.5
122	104	Allied Colloids	122	..	2.1	1.7	17.8
116½	82	Allied Polymer	82½	..	5.6	6.9	8.1
71	26	Alpine Hldgs	31	..	2.5	8.1	8.9
149	44	Amal Metal	181	..	12.0	8.8	4.9
107	44	Amal Power	47	..	4.0	8.5	5.7
141	58	Amest	101	..	3.9	4.5	9.0
107	54	Anchor Chem	68	..	4.1	6.0	8.4
196	144	Anderson Strath	174	..	11.5	6.6	9.1
23	14	Anglian Prod	14	..	1.2	8.6	6.3
615	386	Anglo Amer Ind	390	..	14.5	3.7	9.2
138	55	Anglo Swiss Hldgs	61	..	2.5	4.1	6.1
155	65	Anglo-Thai Corp	68	..	2.5	3.7	6.1
88	37	Anglowest	37	..	2.6	7.0	7.1
215	95	Aquascutum	95	..	5.0	5.3	6.2
137	48	Aquascutum 'A'	48	..	2.5	5.2	6.2
73	45	Arlington Mtr	73	..	3.4	4.7	6.1
94	45	Armitage&Shanks	94	..	5.3	5.6	6.2
114	70	Arnott Young	70	..	3.5	5.0	6.3
44	44	Asprey 6½p Pf	44	..	6.5	14.8	..
156	33	Ass Biscuit	156	..	8.3	5.3	8.1
23	14	Ass Brit Eng	23	..	2.1	9.1	5.3
114	58	Ass Brit Food	114	..	5.9	5.2	7.2
114	58	Ass Cement	114	..	4.0	3.5	8.1
135	56	Ass Fisheries	135	..	6.5	4.8	7.3
155	60	Ass Food	104	..	5.9b	5.7	8.4
114	49	Ass Leisure	114	..	4.0	3.5	8.0
135	49	Ass Paper	135	..	5.9	4.4	7.2
114	49	Ass Port Cement	135	..	10.9	7.3	5.5
293	115	Ass Tin	293	..	17.0	5.8	6.3
157	80	Atlas Stone	80	..	4.0	5.0	6.4
118	60	Attwood Garage	60	..	2.1	3.5	7.1
192	68	Audiocraft	68	..	4.5	6.6	8.2
192	68	Aurora Wilcox	68	..	4.5	6.6	8.2
114	58	Aurora Gear	58	..	3.9	6.7	8.2
114	58	Austin E.	58	..	3.9	6.7	8.2
114	58	Automotive Pd	58	..	3.9	6.7	8.2
114	58	Avery	77	..	6.9	8.9	7.8
60	40	Avon Rubber	58	..	12.2	19.7	5.5
35	25	Ayrton	25	..	2.0	8.0	6.2
70	40	BPB Ind	70	..	3.7	5.2	6.7
70	40	BSR Ltd	70	..	3.7	5.2	6.7
114	58	BTR Ind	58	..	3.9	6.7	8.2
195	34	Babcock & W	195	..	4.0	2.0	11.5
157	34	Bacal Const	34	..	1.7	5.0	6.2
41	27	Baggeridge Brk	27	..	2.0	7.4	6.2
114	58	Baird	114	..	5.9	5.2	7.2
49	37	Baker Perkins	49	..	2.5	5.1	6.2
37	20	Bamberger	20	..	1.2	6.0	6.7
114	58	Barker & Dobson	58	..	3.9	6.7	8.2
93	63	Barlow Rand	93	..	10.0	10.8	10.2
100	60	Barr & Wallace	60	..	4.0	6.7	8.2
114	58	Do A	58	..	3.9	6.7	8.2
328	238	Barratt Devs	328	..	9.8	3.0	11.5
44	26	Barrow Hepbn	44	..	2.5	5.7	6.2
44	26	Barton & Sons	44	..	2.5	5.7	6.2
44	26	Bassett G.	44	..	2.5	5.7	6.2
114	58	Bath & P'land	58	..	3.9	6.7	8.2
150	94	Baxters Dutch	150	..	9.5	6.3	8.2
100	60	Baxter Fell	124	..	4.0	3.2	9.2
114	58	Baxter L.	58	..	3.9	6.7	8.2
63	42	Beatson Clark	63	..	5.5	8.7	7.0
305	305	Beaverbrook	310	..	..	..	..
72	72	Do A	72	..	..	..	..
79	41	Beckman A.	41	..	2.5	6.1	6.2
221	206	Beecham Grp	221	..	6.8	3.1	14.0
114	58	Beigam Gro	58	..	3.9	6.7	8.2
114	58	Bellway Hldgs	58	..	3.9	6.7	8.2
114	58	Blackman & C	58	..	3.9	6.7	8.2
114	58	Blackwd Hodge	87½	..	4.0	4.6	8.2
114	58	Blackwood H.	58	..	3.9	6.7	8.2
114	58	Blagden & N	58	..	3.9	6.7	8.2
114	58	Blizzard Bros	58	..	3.9	6.7	8.2
114	58	Blumenthal Sug	58	..	3.9	6.7	8.2
114	58	Boardman E. G.	58	..	3.9	6.7	8.2
114	58	Bodycote	58	..	3.9	6.7	8.2
114	58	Bolton Textile	58	..	3.9	6.7	8.2
114	58	Bonser Engnrg	58	..	3.9	6.7	8.2
114	58	Bovis	58	..	3.9	6.7	8.2
114	58	Bowater Corp	58	..	3.9	6.7	8.2
114	58	Bowthrpe Hldgs	43	..	3.9	6.7	8.2
114	58	Brady G.	58	..	3.9	6.7	8.2
114	58	Braid	58	..	3.9	6.7	8.2
114	58	Braid Grp	58	..	3.9	6.7	8.2
114	58	Braithwaite	58	..	3.9	6.7	8.2
114	58	Brandon	58	..	3.9	6.7	8.2
114	58	Brent Chem Int	58	..	3.9	6.7	8.2
114	58	Brickhouse Dud	58	..	3.9	6.7	8.2
114	58	Bridon	58	..	3.9	6.7	8.2
114	58	Bridports	58	..	3.9	6.7	8.2
114	58	Bright J. Grp	58	..	3.9	6.7	8.2
114	58	Bristol Plant	58	..	3.9	6.7	8.2
114	58	Britannia Ind	58	..	3.9	6.7	8.2
114	58	Brit Am Tob	58	..	3.9	6.7	8.2
114	58	Brit Car Auctn	58	..	3.9	6.7	8.2
114	58	Brit Enkalon	58	..	3.9	6.7	8.2
114	58	Brit Home Sts	58	..	3.9	6.7	8.2
114	58	Brit Ind Rdgs	58	..	3.9	6.7	8.2
114	58	BICC	58	..	3.9	6.7	8.2
114	58	BMC	58	..	3.9	6.7	8.2
114	58	Brit Match	58	..	3.9	6.7	8.2
114	58	Do 10% Cnv £53	53	..	3.4	6.7	8.2
114	58	Brit Mohair	58	..	3.9	6.7	8.2
114	58	Brit Oxygen	58	..	3.9	6.7	8.2
114	58	Brit Printing	58	..	3.9	6.7	8.2
114	58	Brit Relay W	58	..	3.9	6.7	8.2
114	58	Brit Rollingmakers	58	..	3.9	6.7	8.2
114	58	Brit Sidac Spec	58	..	3.9	6.7	8.2
114	58	Brit Sugar	58	..	3.9	6.7	8.2
114	58	Brit Tar Prod	58	..	3.9	6.7	8.2
114	58	Brit Vending	58	..	3.9	6.7	8.2
114	58	Brockhouse	74	..	3.9	6.7	8.2
114	58	Brockhouse J. 349	349	..	15.0	10.7	6.9
114	58	Brooks Grp	58	..	3.9	6.7	8.2
114	58	Brown Bros Hld	58	..	3.9	6.7	8.2
114	58	Brook St Bur	58	..	3.9	6.7	8.2
114	58	Brooke Bond	58	..	3.9	6.7	8.2
114	58	Brooke Tool	58	..	3.9	6.7	8.2
114	58	Brotherhood P.	58	..	3.9	6.7	8.2
114	58	Brown & Albany	58	..	3.9	6.7	8.2
114	58	Brown & Tawse	58	..	3.9	6.7	8.2
114	58	Brown J.	58	..	3.9	6.7	8.2
114	58	Brown N. Inv	58	..	3.9	6.7	8.2
114	58	Brunton's	58	..	3.9	6.7	8.2
114	58	Bryant Hldgs	58	..	3.9	6.7	8.2
114	58	Budget Stores	58	..	3.9	6.7	8.2
114	58	Bullough Ltd	58	..	3.9	6.7	8.2
114	58	Bulmer & Lumb	58	..	3.9	6.7	8.2
114	58	Burgess Prod	58	..	3.9	6.7	8.2

MARKET REPORTS

Authorized Units, Insurance & Offshore Funds

1973/74 High Low Bid Offer Trust Bid Offer Yield

Authorized Unit Trusts

Abacus Arbuthnot Ltd.
Barnett Hse, Fountain St. Man ... 061-236 9773
46.1 30.7 Giants 32.2 34.7 3.00
43.6 31.6 Do Accum 30.1 32.5 3.00
44.7 25.6 Growth 24.6 26.5 3.00
35.2 28.3 Do Accum 25.6 27.4 3.00
45.5 29.8 Income 28.7 31.3 7.40
40.9 30.9 Do Accum 29.8 32.4 7.50
31.2 21.5 Int Accum 20.6 21.6 2.30

Abbey Unit Trust Managers.
72-80 Gatehouse Rd. Aylesbury, Bucks 0296-5941
25.2 17.7 Abbey Cap 19.2 19.3 2.44
25.0 19.3 Abbey Inc 20.7 21.8 4.83

Abbey Unit Trust Managers Ltd.
5 Rayleigh Rd. Hutton, Essex. 0277 227300
47.3 31.1 Abbey Gen 31.1 32.8 2.44

Alben Trust Managers.
34 Finsbury Circus, London, EC2. 01-588 6371
51.3 53.9 Alben Trst* 52.8 56.5 3.03
53.1 35.9 Do Income* 37.5 39.5 6.47

Allied Hambro Group
Hambro Hse, Hutton, Essex 01-588 2851
71.5 47.2 Allied Cap 47.0 50.1e 5.02
62.7 46.3 Do 1st 45.9 48.8 5.02
69.7 45.3 Brit Ind End 45.0 48.0 5.24
58.8 35.5 Growth & Inc 35.2 37.6 5.33
59.3 37.7 Elec & Ind Dev 37.1 39.5e 5.07
57.5 39.6 Met,Min & Candy 31.7 33.8e 5.11
59.2 45.7 High Inc 42.2 45.0e 6.13
38.6 24.2 Equity Inc 25.0 26.6 6.56
24.8 22.3 International 22.9 24.3 1.35
115.6 70.2 Hambro Fnd 72.1 76.8 5.33
51.7 33.6 Do Inc 33.2 35.3 5.15
96.5 64.0 Do Recovery 67.8 72.2e 1.05
30.1 16.2 Do Smaller 17.1 18.2 5.78
22.9 15.1 Do Accum 19.2 19.4 4.60
26.1 18 8 2nd Smaller 20.1 21.4 5.81
50.8 40.2 Secs of America 35.1 40.6 2.46
101.6 89.5 Exempt Fnd 98.7 102.8e 6.56

Amalgamated Unit Management Co Ltd.
1 Noble Street, London, EC2V 7JE. 01-606 4010
42.4 30.8 Nth American 28.4 30.5e 6.11

Barclays Unicorn Ltd.
252-6 Romford Road, London, E7. 01-534 5521
76.3 46.6 Barclays Cap 48.3 51.1e 4.99
75.7 47.4 Exempt * 48.6 50.1e 2.06
28.3 16.8 Extra Inc 17.1 17.9e 4.51
66.6 42.4 Financial 43.2 45.9 4.51
24.8 21.1 General 23.0 23.3 6.05
49.0 34.0 Growth Accum 34.8 36.9e 5.53
73.8 46.4 Inc 47.6 50.2 7.25
32.0 20.7 Recovery 21.0 23.2 7.18
123.8 73.0 Trustee 76.0 80.6 5.72
68.6 41.8 Unicorn * 500 * 44.6 46.8e 6.63
50.3 43.7 Worldwide 42.0 44.0 3.86
69.5 59.2 Aust Income 60.6 62.5 2.78
73.6 68.3 Do Accum 70.7 76.4 2.76

Brandts Ltd.
36 Fenchurch St. London, E.C.3 01-626 6599
143.0 97.0 Brandts Cap (4) 101.0 106.0e 2.71
136.0 100.0 Do Accum (4) 105.0 110.0e 2.96
141.0 90.0 Brandts Inc (4) 91.0 95.0 7.91

Bridge Trust Management Co Ltd.
Plantation Hse, Mincing Lane, EC3. 01-623 4951
108.8 76.0 Bridge Ex* (2) 78.0 82.0 6.36
256.0 185.0 Bridge Inc (2) 192.0 202.0 4.78
212.0 121.0 Do Cap (2) 123.0 131.0e 2.78
216.0 111.0 Do Cap Acc* (2) 138.0 137.0 2.75
116.0 87.0 Overseas Inc (3) 82.0 87.0 3.44
116.0 96.0 Do Accum (3) 93.0 98.0 3.44

The British Life Office Ltd.
31 Whitefriars St. London, EC4. 01-353 6760
36.0 34.7 British Life 34.9 36.4e 5.91
28.7 23.3 Balanced (2) 24.5 25.8e 5.91
33.4 24.2 Cap Accum (2) 25.5 26.7 3.20
46.6 28.4 Dividend (2) 29.4 31.1e 6.47
41.3 30.9 Prop Accum (2) 30.6 32.4e 3.49

Brown Shipley Unit Fund Managers.
Founders Court, Lothbury, EC2. 01-600 8320
179.5 129.1 Brp Ship Inc (2) 129.0 134.0 6 60
186.6 138.7 Do Accum (2) 139.6 144.5 6.60

Canada Life Unit Trust Managers Ltd.
6 Charles II St. London, SW1. 01-930 6123
33.5 24.1 Canlife Gen 24.7 25.9 4.49
34.0 29.1 Do Accum 26.0 27.3 4.49
29.8 20.7 Income Dist 20.5 21.5 6.98
29.8 21.1 Do Accum 21.5 22.6 6.98

Cartist Unit Fund Managers Ltd.
Milburn Hse, Newcastle-upon-Tyne. 0632 21165
77.3 55.2 Cartist (8) 58.7 58.2e 3.39
80.6 57.3 Do Accum 54.5 57.3 3.39

Charities Official Investment.
77 London Wall, London, EC2. 01-588 1815
137.7 97.0 Inc* (24) 97.0 .. 7.84
207.5 121.0 Accum* (24) 121.0 .. 5.00

Charterhouse Japhet Unit Management Ltd.
1 Paternoster Row, London, EC4. 01-248 3999
29.4 17.4 Int (3) 18.2 17.4 3.50
30.0 18.8 Accum (3) 17.4 18.5 3.50
44.8 28.6 Inc (3) 29.3 30.9 7.05
26.4 21.4 Euro Fin (3) 21.4 22.5 1.64
25.0 18.6 Fund Inv (3) 19.8 20.2 3.46

Crescent Unit Trust Managers Ltd.
4 Melville Crescent, Edinburgh. 0256 4931
41.3 19.4 Crescent Gth 20.9 22.2 4.15
53.8 34.8 Int 35.2 37.4 2.98
43.2 27.4 Reserves Fnd 28.0 29.8 4.56
46.8 30.5 High Dist 30.2 32.0 7.57

Discretionary Unit Fund Managers Ltd.
Finsbury Hse, 22 Bloomfield St, EC2. 01-638 4485
134.7 92.3 Income 82.1 85.5 6.53
136.0 92.1 Accum 91.8 98.6 6.53

Drayton Unit Trust Managers Ltd.
42/45 South St, Eastbourne. 0323 36711
55.8 41.2 Commodity 47.1 51.0e 5.11
30.8 22.3 Growth 21.6 23.0 3.85
34.4 17.0 Inv Trust 17.2 18.4 4.39
42.1 28.8 Drayton Inc 29.4 31.1 7.12
39.7 33.2 Do Accum 32.4 34.4 4.75

Equitas Securities Ltd.
41 Bishopsgate, London, EC2. 0277 227300
77.5 45.5 Preservative 46.6 49.0 3.70

Equity & Law Unit Trust Managers Ltd.
Amersham Rd, H Wycombe, Bucks. 0494 32815
56.4 40.1 Equity & Law 39.2 41.6e 4.89

Family Fund Managers Ltd.
72-80 Gatehouse Rd Aylesbury Bucks. 0296 5941
74.3 55.0 Family Fund 53.2 56 0 3.63

Framlington Unit Management Ltd.
Spencer Hse, 4 South Place, EC2. 01-628 4966
72.6 41.3 Cap 43.6 47.2e 5.45
62.6 36.0 Inc 43.4 45.9 7.68

Friends' Provident Unit Trust Managers, Ltd.
7 Leadenhall St. London, EC3. 01-626 4511
38.1 21.2 Friends Prov 22.0 23.3e 5.26
36.9 22.6 Do Accum 24.3 25.7 5.26

Funds In Court
Public Trustee, Finsbury, WC2. 01-405 4300
Unauthorized Unit Trusts
117.2 76.0 Cap 78.0 76.0e 3.35
98.2 58.0 Crusade Inc 57.0 60.0 7.79
97.4 64.0 High Yield 65.0 66.0 7.79

G and A Unit Trust Managers Ltd.
41 Bishopsgate, London, EC2. 0277 227300
32.9 21.1 G & A 20.8 22.2e 5.11

GT Unit Managers Ltd.
16 St Martin's-le-Grand, EC1. 01-606 3501
87.3 54.4 GT Cap 52.6 56.3 2.00
83.5 58.1 Do Accum 57.3 60.3 2.00
94.2 84.1 Do Income 84.1 89.1 6.00
101.8 94.6 Do US Gen Fnd 93.1 95.6 1.00
101.8 94.6 Do Japan Gen 93.1 95.6 1.00

Great Winchester Unit Trusts.
Plantation Hse, Mincing Lane, EC3 01-623 4951
34.4 18.3 Gt Winchester 17.3 18.3 5.48
34.8 23.4 Overseas Fund 22.3 23.5 4.75

Guardian Royal Exchange Unit Man Ltd
Royal Exchange, London, EC3. 01-283 1031
92.0 54.6 Guardhill 58.2 60.3 4.67

Henderson Administration Ltd.
11 Austin Friars, London, EC2. 01-588 3622
100.2 61.0 Cabot 56.6 61.0 4.20
107.5 116.0 Henderson Gr* 110.0 116.0 3.82

Hill Samuel Unit Trust Managers, Ltd.
PO Box 173, Croydon, CR9 6AL. 01-686 1031
48.1 39.4 Dollar 40.1 42.7e 1.43
39.9 25.3 International 24.7 26.3 2.41
144.3 93.3 Brit Trst 94.5 101.1 4.39
144.3 93.3 Brit Guernsey 94.5 101.1e 2.94
27.5 18.7 Cap 18.7 20.0 4.25
79.8 50.1 Fin Trst 50.7 54.3e 2.97
38.2 15.1 Inc Trst 15.7 16.8e 7.53
28.4 15.0 High Yield 17.1 18.2 6.78
47.3 31.4 Search Trst 32.4 34.7 4.63

Jantar Unit Trust Management Ltd.
64 Coleman St. London, EC2. 01-638 5666
101.0 92.0 Foreign Fnd (21) 88.0 95.0e 4.29
203.0 115.0 Growth Fnd (25) 120.0 128.0e 5.07
109.0 72.3 Inc Fnd (26) 88.2 72.3e 11.14

Javelot Securities Ltd.
21 Young St, Edinburgh. 031-225 6762
27.5 22.0 Compound (1) 23.1 25.1 9.47
29.0 23.6 Do Accum (1) 23.1 25.1 9.47
29.0 20.1 Spl. Wdrwl (1) 23.1 25.0 ..
21.0 20.3 Preference (1) 21.8 23.5 13.94
24.9 23.3 Do Accum 21.8 23.9 13.94
29.6 17.0 Cap (2) 17.0 18.6 ..
29.6 23.5 Alloc Fund Fnd 23.5 25.2 3.71
30.4 24.0 Do Accum 24.0 25.5 ..
31.5 25.3 Sector Fdrs (3) 23.1 24.3 3.46
21.2 14.1 Fin & Prop (3) 14.1 14.8 4.28
21.2 16.2 Int Growth (4) 17.6 18.5 4.33
25.1 20.1 Nth Wrn (3) 21.5 22.5 2.53
45.0 29.6 Commodities (5) 31.9 34.4e 5.78
49.1 34.9 Do Accum (5) 33.4 35.4e 5.78
49.1 32.1 Inflex Wdraw (5) 33.0 35.0e ..

Jessel Britannia Group.
285 Fenchurch St. London, EC3. 01-623 7585
65.1 54.5 Brit Common Plus 61.1 63.5e 4.64
49.3 29.7 Brit Gen 30.3 32.9e 4.43
41.0 30.8 Extra Inc 30.5 32.3 1.69
41.0 27.2 High Income 25.3 27.0 6.18
58.5 37.2 Jessel Cap 38.0 40.3e 4.57
73.0 16.4 Do Cit of Ldn 42.2 46.5 4.70
43.3 40.6 Do Global 40.6 43.0 2.78
171.8 110.3 Do Gold & G 161.5 173.2 2.27
74.9 44.6 Do Inc 44.4 47.8e 6.64
24.5 21.5 Do Ipv Units 21.5 23.5 4.18
34.0 29.8 Do Accum 33.1 35.5 5.41
22.1 12.4 Do Prop & G 13.8 14.9 3.63
82.4 41.9 Do Plant & Gen 44.4 47.9e 5.88
28.0 19.2 Aust & Gen (1) 19.4 20.7 2.59
27.6 25.8 Jt. Int Cons 27.6 29.6 2.64

Key Fund Managers,
25 Milk St, EC2V 8JE. 01-606 7070
79.0 52 4 Cap Fund 53.4 56.8 2.96
97.0 64.6 Exempt Fnd (36) 69.2 73.8e 7.69
59.2 49.4 Inc Fnd 52.8 56.3 7.78
99.1 68.4 KPIF 69.5 73.5 2.25

Legal & General Tyndall Fund.
18 Canynge Rd, Bristol 0272 32241
60.0 41.4 Trst 40.0 41.8 5.14
82.0 44.9 Accum 42.8 44.8 5.14

Lloyds Bank Unit Trust Managers.
71 Lombard Street, London, EC3. 01-626 1500
57.9 33.4 Int Inc 33.3 35.4e 4.84
60.9 39.3 Accum 39.4 41.9 4.94
56.2 35.9 2nd Inc 36.2 38.2 4.71
60.6 39.7 Accum 40.8 43.3 4.11
76.5 47.4 3rd Inc 51.0 53.2e 7.41
80.3 53.1 Accum 58.0 61.7 7.41

Morgan Grenfell Funds.
23 Gt Winchester St, London, EC2. 01-588 4545
148.5 111.3 Cap (3) 107.2 114.7 2.73
113.0 78.3 Exempt(2) 80.0 83.5e 2.80
37.5 27.0 Inc (3) 27.2 29.5 1.09
15.11 10.60 Inc Agency (4) £ 10.45 10.90 2.84

M & G Securities.
Three Quays, Tower Hill, EC3R 6BQ. 01-626 4588
129.7 113.9 M & G General 117.8 124.9 5.14
199.5 148.0 Do Accum 151.9 161.0 5.14
120.3 106.2 2nd Gen 108.3 114.8 4.78
104.2 92.0 Do Accum 93.9 99.5 4.78
139.1 78.5 Mid & Gen 80.5 85.3e 7.14
179.9 102.4 Do Accum 107.3 113.7 7.14
98.2 62.1 Div Fnd 63.7 67.5 8.51
138.7 87.8 Do Accum 90.0 100.7 8.51
141.8 93.2 Special Trst 90.0 95.3e 3.66
152.3 101.7 Do Accum 100.3 106.3 3.66
264.0 194.3 Maximum Fnd 208.0 220.4 4.66
233.2 213.2 Do Accum 228.9 237.2 4.66
59.5 43.1 FITB 43.7 46.3 2.84
73.7 56.1 Do Accum 48.7 49.8 2.84
99.7 64.2 Compound 64.2 68.0 2.75
142.1 104.9 Recovery 105.1 111.4 6.44
59.8 41.4 Extra Yield 43.7 45.9e 9.30
34.9 27.4 Do Accum 27.4 29.0 9.30
117.0 84.9 Japan 103.4 110.1 ..
56.9 48.8 Euro & Gen 47.6 50.7 4.52
49.0 37.4 American & Gen 39.5 41.9 4.01
56.1 42.7 Australasian 42.5 45.0 4.01
30.1 24.3 Far East Inc 27.9 29.4e 1.96
52.7 38.5 Do Accum 39.2 40.7 1.96
140.9 86.3 Trustee Fnd 87.8 92.9e 5.99
203.7 129.2 Do Accum 134.9 140.5 5.99
152.9 82.7 Charitund* (2) 86.9 89.4e 7.25
136.0 88.9 Pension* (1) 88.1 91.2e 5.34
137.8 98.9 Supertrust (4) 91.0 94.2e 5.97
48.7 27.3 NAECIT 27.9 .. 10.67
85.1 59.3 Do Accum 62.5 .. 10.93

M & G Scotland Ltd.
Three Quays, Tower Hill, EC3R 6BQ. 01-626 4588
60.7 43.4 Clyde Cpn 40.9 42.1 3.49
74.2 56.7 Clyde Gen 49.2 52.1e 5.91
83.0 58.3 Do Accum 58 0 61.5 5.91
73.4 51.6 Clyde High Inc 53.5 57.0 5.91
85.7 61.8 Do Accum 63.1 68.1 5.91
83.7 58.1 Clyde Managed 84.4 88.7 ..

The National Group of Unit Trusts.
9-5 Norwich Street, London, EC4. 01-405 8891
54.2 37.0 Century 38.6 38.4 5.80
35.3 29.5 Com Gen 31.1 32.2 3.58
56.2 39.8 Domestic 39.9 42.3e 5.51
73.6 45.6 Gas Ind Power 46.7 49.2 5.71
59.8 37.6 Hundred Secs 39.4 38.3e 5.88
69.5 47.6 Income 48.8 50.8e 6.58
48.5 30.4 Inv Gen 30.8 32.6 3.66
80.5 52.7 Do 2nd Gen 50.1 52.8 3.66
58.1 38.1 Natbife 38.1 41 0e 3.41
80.1 58.4 Nat Cons 58.9 61 8 3.51
50.8 35.6 Nat Gen 36.2 38.4 3.85
191.8 126.4 Do 'D' Snd 127.2 134.0 3.85
256.2 98.0 Do High Inc 98.9 81.8 5.59
57.6 42.7 NUTIS 43.6 45.8 5.98
59.1 38.7 Nat Resources 41.5 44.5 4.66
165.7 95.6 Prov Inv Trst 98.0 102.5 4.66
70.5 50.8 Scot Units 49.4 52.0e 3.72
83.7 57.1 Security 1st 58.0 59.7 4.37
71.1 47.6 Shamrock 48.1 50.6 3.65
97.2 57.6 Shield 58.4 58.3 2.64
113.0 79.9 Universal 2nd 82.1 86.4 4.24

1973/74 High Low Bid Offer Trust Bid Offer Yield

National Provident Inv Managers Ltd.
48 Gracechurch St. EC3. 01-623 4200
47.3 29.4 NPI Accum (16) 32.2 32.9 4.30
46.3 32.0 Do Dist (15) 30.1 32.0e 4.30

National Westminster Unit Trust Managers.
41 Lothbury, London, EC2P 2BP. 01-377 5044
61.2 40.9 Capital 42.7 43.0 3.90
35.3 21.3 Income 22.6 24.2 5.21
42.6 27.9 Finance 27.4 28.9 4.56
91.7 62.6 Growth 62.9 66.4 4.56

New Court Fund Managers Ltd.
77-80 Gatehouse Rd, Aylesbury, Bucks 0296 5941
103.0 138.0 Equity 134.0 141.0e 2.98
103 2 98.8 Int 99.4 99.4 5.27
93.1 91.7 Smaller Co's 87.8 93.4 5.47

Oceanic Unit Trust Managers Ltd.
Players Hall, Austin Friars, EC2. 01-638 3581
43.6 26.2 Financial 27.3 28.8e 2.44
33.7 18.6 General 17.8 18.9e 4.96
56.9 31.1 Growth 29.6 31.4e 4.96
57.5 32.9 Do Accum 31.3 33.1e 4.96
34.1 20.5 High Income 22.4 23.8e 7.03
22.0 17.3 Investment 17.7 18.5e 9.40
34.4 23.8 Overseas 24.5 25.3 3.44
58.4 23.6 Performance 22.8 24.2e 4.80
34.4 18.7 Progressive 19.2 19.4 4.52
31.9 19.5 Recovery 19.4 20.4 2.82

Pearl-Mowlem Trust Managers Ltd.
114 Old Broad St. GPO Box 325 EC2 01-588 6464
38.4 17.1 Growth 16.0 17.1e 4.26
39.6 17.6 Do Accum 16.8 18.2 4.26
32.9 20.9 Income 19.9 21.5e 4.83
38.6 24.1 Trust 23.6 25.1 4.88
41.2 26.5 Do Accum 26.2 28.2 4.88

Pelican Unit Administration
81 Fountain St, Manchester 061-236 5653
67.6 48.6 Pelican 50.6 53.1e 4.63

Piccadilly Unit Trust Managers Ltd.
1 Lore Lane, London, EC2. 01-606 8744
58.0 39.0 Inc & Growth 29.8 30 5e 3.05
42.2 31.5 Extra Inc 31.0 32.5 9.30

Portfolio Fund Managers Ltd.
10 Charterhouse Sq. London, EC1. 01-251 0544
103.4 58.1 Portfolio Cap 58.2 62.5 3.36
100.8 64.9 Growth With Inc 63.2 67.8 4.64
94.8 56.9 Private Port 57.5 60.6 4.70
53.7 50.5 Shanley Port 53.7 57.7 4.33

Practical Investment Co Ltd.
Europa Hse, World Tr Centre, E1. 01-623 8982
118.5 99.1 Pract Inc (3) 98.2 98.8e 4.09
177.8 110.6 Do Accum (3) 110.8 118.9 4.09

Provincial Life Investment Co Ltd.
100 Cannon Street, London, EC4. 01-626 0577
71.4 53.6 Prolific 52.7 55.8e 7.78

Prudential Unit Trust Managers.
Holborn Bars, London, EC1N 2NH. 01-405 8252
125.0 78.0 Prudential 81.0 85.0e 4.80

Save & Prosper Group
4 Great St Helen's EC3P 3EP. 01-588 1717
Dealings to 01-554 5899
Erskine Hse, 68-73 Queen St., Edinburgh EH2 4NX. 031-226 7351

Ebor Securities.
64.3 43.6 Universal Grwth 47.4 50.6e 1.74
64.7 39.7 Capital Accum 41.1 43.3 3.19
63.3 38.0 General 38.9 41.6 4.49
53.3 31.8 High Return 36.8 39.1 7.10
64.0 50.2 Commodity 54.4 58.1 4.55
54.1 44.7 Energy 42.6 45.5 1.12
54.8 29.3 Financial 29.1 30.0 2.53
58.1 31.7 Prop & Build 34.1 36.4 3.63
115.6 76.3 Select Grwth(9) 77.4 79.8 1.84
104.6 62.0 Select Inc(9) 67.1 69.2 7.01
192.2 125.3 Commn Pen(9) 171.0 184.2e 8.73

Save & Prosper Securities Ltd.
40.8 22.5 Capital 26.5 28.4 2.83
43.3 29.1 Financial Sec 29.0 30.9 2.36
37.8 17.3 Investment 17.5 18.7e 3.70
71.7 61.6 Euro Growth* 62.3 66.5 1.80
70.4 46.8 Japan Growth* 54.0 57.6 1.37
52.9 40.4 US Growth* 47.5 51.4 1.90
31.7 20.7 General 20.9 22.3 4.72
50.3 34.1 High Yield 34.6 37.0e 6.42
41.9 26.2 Income 27.5 29.5 6.16
38.1 26.3 Trident Growth 28.5 .. 4.84
34.4 18.7 Progressive 19.2 20.5 2.82
31.9 19.5 Reserves* 19.4 .. 5.98

Pearl-Mowlem Trust Managers Ltd.
114 Old Broad St. GPO Box 325 EC2 01-588 6464
38.4 17.1 Growth 16.0 17.1e 4.26
39.6 17.6 Do Accum 16.8 18.2 4.26
32.9 20.9 Income 19.9 21.5e 4.83
38.6 24.1 Trust 23.6 25.1 4.88
41.2 26.5 Do Accum 26.2 28.2 4.88

Pelican Unit Administration
81 Fountain St, Manchester 061-236 5653
67.6 48.6 Pelican 50.6 53.1e 4.63

Piccadilly Unit Trust Managers Ltd.
1 Lore Lane, London, EC2. 01-606 8744
58.0 39.0 Inc & Growth 29.8 30 5e 3.05
42.2 31.5 Extra Inc 31.0 32.5 9.30

Portfolio Fund Managers Ltd.
10 Charterhouse Sq. London, EC1. 01-251 0544
103.4 58.1 Portfolio Cap 58.2 62.5 3.36
100.8 64.9 Growth With Inc 63.2 67.8 4.64
94.8 56.9 Private Port 57.5 60.6 4.70
53.7 50.5 Shanley Port 53.7 57.7 4.33

Practical Investment Co Ltd.
Europa Hse, World Tr Centre, E1. 01-623 8982
118.5 99.1 Pract Inc (3) 98.2 98.8e 4.09
177.8 110.6 Do Accum (3) 110.8 118.9 4.09

Provincial Life Investment Co Ltd.
100 Cannon Street, London, EC4. 01-626 0577
71.4 53.6 Prolific 52.7 55.8e 7.78

Prudential Unit Trust Managers.
Holborn Bars, London, EC1N 2NH. 01-405 8252
125.0 78.0 Prudential 81.0 85.0e 4.80

Save & Prosper Group
4 Great St Helen's EC3P 3EP. 01-588 1717
Dealings to 01-554 5899
Erskine Hse, 68-73 Queen St., Edinburgh EH2 4NX. 031-226 7351

Ebor Securities.
64.3 43.6 Universal Grwth 47.4 50.6e 1.74
64.7 39.7 Capital Accum 41.1 43.3 3.19
63.3 38.0 General 38.9 41.6 4.49
53.3 31.8 High Return 36.8 39.1 7.10
64.0 50.2 Commodity 54.4 58.1 4.55
54.1 44.7 Energy 42.6 45.5 1.12
54.8 29.3 Financial 29.1 30.0 2.53
58.1 31.7 Prop & Build 34.1 36.4 3.63
115.6 76.3 Select Grwth(9) 77.4 79.8 1.84
104.6 62.0 Select Inc(9) 67.1 69.2 7.01
192.2 125.3 Commn Pen(9) 171.0 184.2e 8.73

Save & Prosper Securities Ltd.
40.8 22.5 Capital 26.5 28.4 2.83
43.3 29.1 Financial Sec 29.0 30.9 2.36
37.8 17.3 Investment 17.5 18.7e 3.70
71.7 61.6 Euro Growth* 62.3 66.5 1.80
70.4 46.8 Japan Growth* 54.0 57.6 1.37
52.9 40.4 US Growth* 47.5 51.4 1.90
31.7 20.7 General 20.9 22.3 4.72
50.3 34.1 High Yield 34.6 37.0e 6.42
41.9 26.2 Income 27.5 29.5 6.16
38.1 26.3 Trident Growth 28.5 .. 4.84
34.4 18.7 Progressive 19.2 20.5 2.82
31.9 19.5 Recovery 19.4 20.4 2.82

Pearl-Mowlem Trust Managers Ltd.
114 Old Broad St. GPO Box 325 EC2 01-588 6464
38.4 17.1 Growth 16.0 17.1e 4.26
39.6 17.6 Do Accum 16.8 18.2 4.26
32.9 20.9 Income 19.9 21.5e 4.83
38.6 24.1 Trust 23.6 25.1 4.88
41.2 26.5 Do Accum 26.2 28.2 4.88

Pelican Unit Administration
81 Fountain St, Manchester 061-236 5653
67.6 48.6 Pelican 50.6 53.1e 4.63

Piccadilly Unit Trust Managers Ltd.
1 Lore Lane, London, EC2. 01-606 8744
58.0 39.0 Inc & Growth 29.8 30 5e 3.05
42.2 31.5 Extra Inc 31.0 32.5 9.30

Portfolio Fund Managers Ltd.
10 Charterhouse Sq. London, EC1. 01-251 0544
103.4 58.1 Portfolio Cap 58.2 62.5 3.36
100.8 64.9 Growth With Inc 63.2 67.8 4.64
94.8 56.9 Private Port 57.5 60.6 4.70
53.7 50.5 Shanley Port 53.7 57.7 4.33

Practical Investment Co Ltd.
Europa Hse, World Tr Centre, E1. 01-623 8982
118.5 99.1 Pract Inc (3) 98.2 98.8e 4.09
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71.4 53.6 Prolific 52.7 55.8e 7.78

Prudential Unit Trust Managers.
Holborn Bars, London, EC1N 2NH. 01-405 8252
125.0 78.0 Prudential 81.0 85.0e 4.80

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64.3 43.6 Universal Grwth 47.4 50.6e 1.74
64.7 39.7 Capital Accum 41.1 43.3 3.19
63.3 38.0 General 38.9 41.6 4.49
53.3 31.8 High Return 36.8 39.1 7.10
64.0 50.2 Commodity 54.4 58.1 4.55
54.1 44.7 Energy 42.6 45.5 1.12
54.8 29.3 Financial 29.1 30.0 2.53
58.1 31.7 Prop & Build 34.1 36.4 3.63
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LODGE—BUNGALOW available at modest rent for couple ; husband with own occupation, wife willing to give some Secretarial help with farm and voluntary service activities. 2 bedrooms, central heating, telephone. Ouskirs village. Mrs Cory Wright, Codcote Lodge, Hitchin, Herts.

EM TECHNICIAN, Institute of Dental Surgery (University of London) Eastman Dental Hospital. Applications are invited for the post of EM technician, in a grading according to qualifications and experience. Preference will be given to applicants who have experience in the handling of biological materials, and who are able to take technical charge of a small but active and well equipped EM unit. Applications as soon as possible to the Assistant Secretary, Institute of Dental Surgery, Gray's Inn Road, London, WC1X 8LD.

GENERAL VACANCIES

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2 vacancies exist for candidates aged preferably 18-22 years, with good colour-vision and an aptitude for craft-work. Salary £1,136 at age 18, rising by annual increments to £1,904 p.a. Candidates should normally have G.C.E. at 'O' level in English Language and two other subjects or an equivalent or higher qualification.

CONSERVATION OFFICER

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Apply by telephone or letter for competition papers to, The Establishment Officer, National Gallery, London, W.C.2. Telephone : 01-839 3321.

CLOSING DATE : 22nd May, 1974.

THE ARTS COUNCIL OF GREAT BRITAIN
invites applications for the post of

TRAINING OFFICER

The post involves servicing the Council's Training Committee and providing liaison with its Workers' Groups, assisting in the formulation of policy for the training of administrative technicians and artists in the arts field, as well as planning and implementing schemes for in-service training for the Council's own staff.

Applicants should have experience in the field of training and preferably professional experience in the arts.

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Write with full curriculum vitae to the
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MR R. A. BOND
SCOTT WILSON KIRKPATRICK & PARTNERS
5 WINSLEY STREET
LONDON W1N 7AQ.
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JOURNALIST

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EDITORIAL ASSISTANT, aged 18-25, required for friendly, young office in Central London of leading publishers of careers and educational magazines. Must be able to type, although intelligence and initiative will be more important than dazzling typing speeds. Previous publishing experience is not essential, but the job is unlikely to be of interest to anyone below "A" level ability. Salary negotiable.—Ring Barbara Chamey, on 01-930 1322.

DRIVER/GUIDE (University student 23/25) required July 1 to Aug. 16 to drive 9 American students on study course in and around London and 2 weeks touring England. Tel. Miss Fiona Magro, 623 7511.

£2,500 STARTING SALARY.—Small Specialised Marketing firm in the West End require capable young career man, probably with an Arts degree, to do layout work, compose letters, organize mailshots, and help with corporate planning. Phone Miss Greenaway, 01-437 4416

CLERICAL ASSISTANT required for Institution of Mining and Metallurgy See Female General Vac.

SOUTHWARK CATHEDRAL, London Bridge, S.E.1. 2 new vacancies exist for male Lay Clerks in the Cathedral Choir. Details from the *Canon Precentor*, The Chapter House, St. Thomas's St. S.E.1. Applications by May 31st.

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MANAGEMENT AND EXECUTIVE

THE CITY UNIVERSITY

PERSONNEL OFFICER

A suitably qualified and experienced man or woman is required for appointment as soon as possible.

The person appointed will be responsible to the Secretary of the University for the exercise of the personnel function in respect of all grades of staff.

Salary on the scale £1,929 to £2,343 plus £162 London Allowance (£2,118 to £2,811 plus £162 London Allowance from 1st October 1974). Point of entry according to age, qualifications and experience.

Further particulars of the post and an application form (to be returned by 31st May 1974) may be obtained from The Secretary, The City University, St. John Street, London EC1V 4PB, telephone 01-253 4399 extension 252.

ACCOUNTANCY

ASSISTANT ACCOUNTANT

An Assistant Accountant, not necessarily qualified, is required by the parent company of a major international mining and industrial group.

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Salary will be in the region of £3,000 per annum and we offer free lunches, a non-contributory pension scheme and a substantial discretionary bonus (twice yearly).

Write, giving age and a brief summary of experience, to :

The Personnel Officer,
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49 Moorgate,
London, EC2R 6BQ

ECONOMIC STATISTICIANS

HM Customs and Excise

A Statistician is needed in this Department to work on statistics relating to Value Added Tax.

This will mean specifying and interpreting statistics likely to be of use within the Department; advising as to which statistics should be published (and recommending the form they should take); making estimates of the revenue to be collected; and forecasting possible effects in the revenue that changes in rates or structure could bring.

Appointments will be made at Statistician level. As a Statistician you should normally be at least 27 and have an Honours Degree in Statistics (or in another subject involving formal training in statistics). Several years' relevant experience is essential. Starting salary can be above the minimum of the scale £4588 – £6003 (Inner London). Prospects of promotion to Chief Statistician (£6528 – £8215).

There are vacancies in other departments, including some at Senior Assistant Statistician level (£3131 – £3813 inner London). For these posts you must normally have 3 years' postgraduate experience and be aged at least 24. Promotion to Statistician can come within 2 to 3 years.

For full details of acceptable qualifications, information on all current vacancies in the Government Statistical Service, and for an application form (to be returned by 5 June 1974), write to Civil Service Commission, Alencon Link, Basingstoke, Hants RG21 1JB, or telephone Basingstoke 29222, ext 500 or London 01-839 1992 (24 hour answering service) quoting reference A(c) 619/22

Inland Revenue

This Department's Statistics Division involves itself in a wide range of subjects, but you will find that forecasting the yields of the personal and corporate duties administered by the Department is its main concern. Close links are kept with the Inland Revenue's policy and executive branches – and also with other Departments, notably the Central Statistical Office. Much of the information collected by the Division is used in the compilation of the national accounts.

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ENGLAND TEAM MANAGER

Applications invited
Box 2523 C The Times,
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AN AIR DISPLAY AND SPECIAL EVENTS ORGANISER

required by the R.A.F. Association, S.E. Area, with Office in London. Organiser will be required to run two Air Displays a year and other money-raising events. Write in the first instance, endorsing top left-hand corner of envelope "Events Organiser" to Central Headquarters, R.A.F. Association, 43 Grove Park Road, London, W4 3BU. Although position presents ample opportunity for advancement, please state commencing salary required. Closing date for applications 31st May 1974.

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SCARBOROUGH.—Solicitors require young Assistant Solicitor with initiative and at least one year's qualified experience to control and expand litigation department, excellent salary, partnership prospects and conditions.—Tel (0723) 66662

SOLICITOR REQUIRED for City firm. See display appointments.

CONVEYANCING SOLICITOR Birmingham. £5,000, see £4,000 plus Appointments.

ACCOUNTANCY

COMPILER

International publication requires compiler to work at home. Accountancy or banking background and one additional language essential.—Box 2197 C, The Times.

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If you have recently qualified in Part 2 of ACCA or ICMA bear about a starting salary of around £2,500 and first class prospects with an International Cosmetics Company in N.W.10. Please listen on 459 6952, but do not speak.

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The successful applicant must be willing to appl himself to certain non-routine accounting an taxation matters under his own initiative. A rea understanding of corporate taxation together with a awareness of its practical implications would be a advantage.

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Please write giving education career details, to :-

The Assistant Staff Manager,
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London EC3P 3DB

National Health Service Reorganisation in Wales

District Community Physician in the Carmarthen/Dinefwr Health District

DYFED AREA HEALTH AUTHORITY

Applications are invited for the above post of District Community Physician from Officers who are wholly or mainly employed on Health Service work in Wales or England and who are transferable to the reorganised Health Service under the provisions of the National Health Service Re-Organisation Act—1973.

Salary scales will be based on the published recommendations of the Review Body.

Requests for application forms and further particulars should be made in writing to the :—

Area Administrator,
Dyfed Area Health Authority,
Starling Park, Johnstown, Carmarthen.

Closing date for receipt of application forms 20th May, 1974.

Bank of England

LIBRARIAN

Applications are invited from Chartered Librarians of 35 years of age or over for t post of Librarian in this Central Bank Library.

Candidates should have experience Academic or Special Libraries and a degree, preferably in economics, or a related subject, would be an additional qualification.

Initial salary within the range £4,9 to £6,080. Non-contributory pension scheme.

Applications, stating qualifications previous experience and date of birth should be forwarded to the Chief of Establishments (Recruiting), Bank of England, London, EC2R 8A not later than the 24th May 1974.

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Salary will be competitively negotiable dependent upon experience and will not be an obstacle in attracting the calibre of man required. Benefits include pension scheme, life insurance and L.V.s.

Please write or telephone for an application form and further details :

N. V. HOLT, TOTAL OIL MARINE LTD.,
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TOWN CLERK'S DEPARTMENT

POLICY, FINANCE AND CO-ORDIN SECTION

SENIOR ADMINISTRATI ASSISTANT, POLICY

PO.2/3 (£3,504 to £4,356)

Applications are invited from Local Government England (excluding London) and Wales for the in the Policy, Finance and Co-ordination Sect Town Clerk's Department.

The occupant of this post will be involved in l co-operation with officers at all levels within th administrative structure and should be able to make an effective contribution to the work disciplinary groups.

Applicants for this post should have a firm com corporate management and corporate planning, lo ment experience and preferably a degree in law qualification or other relevant qualifications or

Applications giving details of present post experience and qualifications and stating age a salary and scale should be sent to the Town Town Hall, Manchester M60 2LA to be receive than Friday, 24th May, 1974.

WILTSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Department of Planning and Environmental Services

By agreement with the Local Government Staff Commission, the County Council are inviting applications restricted to local government officers serving in England (excluding London) and Wales for posts 2, 5, 7 and 9. The remaining posts are advertised on an unrestricted basis.

1. LIAISON PLANNING OFFICER

PO2 (3-7) £4,482-£4,992 Ref: NA.134

This is a senior appointment responsible to the Assistant County Planning Officer (Development Control) for the processing of complex applications which are County Matters, and maintaining close liaison with District Councils regarding development control matters. Applicants must be Chartered Town Planners with considerable experience of development control in both urban and rural areas.

2. SENIOR PLANNING OFFICER—

Development Control PO1 (2-6) £3,390-£3,846 Ref: NA.224

To be directly responsible to a Liaison Planning Officer in a team dealing with the more complex applications which are County Matters, and assisting with the maintenance of a close liaison with District Councils regarding development control matters. Applicants must be Chartered Town Planners with considerable experience of development control in both urban and rural areas.

3. SENIOR PLANNING ASSISTANT—

Development Control SO1/2 £2,820-£3,504 Ref: NA.129

A thorough knowledge of all aspects of development control with experience in the administration of Town and Country Planning legislation is required. Applicants should be Chartered Town Planners with development control experience.

4. ARCHITECT—

Design and Conservation PO1 (3-7) £3,504-£3,978 Ref: NA.225

To be responsible to the Group Architect to lead a small team in studies for designated and proposed conservation areas and to further a programme of survey of these areas. Applicants must be Chartered Architects preferably holding appropriate planning qualifications.

5. ARCHITECTURAL TECHNICIAN

T5/7 £2,235-£2,820 Ref: NA.57

To assist in the team dealing with studies in conservation areas. The successful applicant will be expected to have a sensitive approach to building design and an ability to produce design briefs, and should possess H.N.C. Building or appropriate architectural qualifications.

6. LANDSCAPE ARCHITECT

SO1/2 £2,820-£3,504 Ref: NA.132

To generally assist in a wide range of landscape projects and to be responsible for advice on the landscape content of planning applications, and to provide landscape design advice, both in respect of evaluation and assessment techniques; and in the formulation of landscape policies in the context of structure plan. Applicants should be qualified Landscape Architects with some local authority planning work experience.

7. UNIT LEADER—

Countryside PO1 (2-6) £3,390-£3,846 Ref: NA.226

To be responsible for the Countryside Unit of the Structure Plan Group. The unit is involved in the examination of conservation and preservation needs in relation to the countryside, landscape, open space, and leisure needs (e.g. the provision of Country Parks, picnic sites and sports facilities) leading to the formulation of policies and proposals in respect of the Structure Plan. Applicants should be Chartered Town Planners who are familiar with the countryside aspects of a Structure Plan.

8. UNIT LEADERS

PO1 (2-6) £3,390-£3,846 Ref: NA.127

To control small teams primarily with the following aspects of forward planning:
(a) Transportation matters, together with those relating to the provision of utility services, particularly drainage.
(b) Economic resources, including population, employment and housing, financial resources and the social aspects.
(c) Land and building resources and liaison with appropriate specialist officers on conservation and archaeological matters.

Applicants for posts (a) and (b) should be Chartered Town Planners with experience in the appropriate field. Alternatively qualified engineers or economists with extensive experience in the planning field may be considered. Applicants for post (c) must be experienced Chartered Town Planners.

9. PLANNING ASSISTANT (STATISTICIAN)

AP5/SO1 £2,535-£3,390 Ref: NA.124

To participate in the work of the Research Unit of the Structure Plan Group. The successful applicant should have an interest in compiling surveys, analysing the results and dealing with demographic statistics, also to have experience in a large Town and Country Planning Department. Applicants should be qualified in statistics by a degree or post graduate qualification.

10. JUNIOR STATISTICIAN

T3/5 £1,416-£2,235 Ref: NA.227

Applicants should be qualified in statistics via either a degree or post graduate qualification, and will be required to assist in compiling surveys, analysing results and dealing with demographic statistics.

11. GRADUATE PLANNING ASSISTANTS

Ref: NA.228

Graduates who have obtained a degree or diploma giving exemption from the examinations of the Royal Town Planning Institute, are required for the County Structure Plan Group. Duties will include work on population, employment, housing and other studies for evaluating alternative strategies; also the collection and analysis of survey data and preparation of information and plans. Starting salaries will be dependent upon age, experience and qualifications. There will be guaranteed progression to £3,390, although there exists first class opportunities for advancement beyond this point for the right applicants.
Essential car user allowances will be paid for Posts 1-8 and casual user allowances where appropriate for Posts 9-11.
Lodging and removal expenses paid in appropriate cases.
Application forms and further details (please quote reference number of post) obtainable from the County Planning Officer, County Hall, Trowbridge, returnable to the Chief Executive not later than 30th May, 1974.

FORENSIC SCIENTISTS

Vacancies exist for Scientific Officers and Higher Scientific Officers in the DOCUMENT DIVISION of the Metropolitan Police Forensic Science Laboratory.

This division deals with the examination of questioned documents concerned in a wide range of criminal offences. The work involves the comparison of handwriting, examination of signatures to detect forgery, comparison of typewriting and examination of documents for alterations, additions etc.

Qualifications: A degree, HNC or equivalent in a scientific subject is essential. For SO candidates must be under 27, for HSO at least two years postgraduate experience is necessary and candidates must be under 30. Those who expect to qualify this summer are also eligible to apply.

Salaries: (under review) SO: £1,610-£2,504
HSO: £2,396-£3,029

Application forms (to be returned by 31st May 1974) and further details are available from: The Secretary, Room 733 (LAB/ T), New Scotland Yard, Broadway, London SW1H 0BG, or telephone 01-230 3122 (24 hour answering service).

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★ *Applications for this post are not restricted but, all things being equal, preference will be given to local government staff affected by reorganisation. The Staff Commission has been consulted.*
★ Applications stating :—
Age
Education and qualifications
Past and present posts and current salary
The names of two referees
to the County Secretary, Abbots House, Abbey Street, Reading.
★ Closing Date : 24th May, 1974.

ROYAL BERKSHIRE

The County of Opportunity

university of wales university college of swansea

Applications are invited for the following posts :

Temporary Lecturer in Civil Engineering

A Temporary Lecturer is required in the Department of Civil Engineering. The successful candidate will be required to teach in the fields of solid and fluid mechanics, but there will be ample opportunities for research, particularly in Numerical Analysis and Finite Element Analysis.

The appointment, which will be for three years from October 1, 1974, will be on the scale £2,118-£3,285 per annum together with F.S.S.U. benefits.

The closing date is Friday, May 31, 1974.

Graduate Administrative Assistant

A Graduate Administrative Assistant is required in the Department of Geography. Applicants should be graduates, preferably in Geography, with experience and/or an interest in administrative work.

The appointment, which will be tenable from September 1, 1974, will be at the lower end of the scale, £1,611-£2,883 per annum, together with F.S.S.U. benefits, the scale increasing to £1,800-£3,108 per annum from October 1, 1974.
The closing date is Friday, May 24, 1974.

Department of Genetics Research Studentship

The Medical Research Council is prepared this year to offer to a suitable candidate a research studentship tenable at the above University College. The Research will involve the study of mechanisms of genetic change and effects of environmental mutagens in yeast under the supervision of Dr J. M. Parry. Applicants should have a first or upper second class degree in a biological subject.

The closing date is Friday, June 7, 1974.

Further particulars and application forms may be obtained from the Registrar/Secretary, University College of Swansea, Singleton Park, Swansea, SA2 8PP, to whom they should be returned by the appropriate date.

ROYAL COMMISSION ON HISTORICAL MANUSCRIPTS

Assistant Keeper

for the National Register of Archives

The work will include taking charge of the section of Research Assistants who compile and index the Register, running the Search Room, and replying to historical enquiries.

Candidates must have a degree with 1st or 2nd class honours, or a higher degree, preferably in History, and a good reading knowledge of medieval Latin and at least one modern foreign European language. Experience in relevant archive or library work is desirable.

SALARY: Assistant Keeper, First Class, £3,506-£5,633; Assistant Keeper, Second Class, £1,994-£3,128. Starting salary may be above the minima. Level of appointment according to age, qualifications and experience. Non-contributory pension scheme.

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County of Cleveland

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Forms of application and further particulars from the Registrar, The University, Leeds LS2 9JT (please quote 46A/13A). Closing date 10 June, 1974.

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Appointments Vacant also on pages 34, 35, 36 and 37

UNIVERSITY APPOINTMENTS

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INSTITUTE OF PSYCHIATRY

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Salary will be within the range $A12,268 with five annual increments to $A14,308 per annum.
Further information about the University and advice regarding the method of application should be obtained from the Secretary-General, Association of Commonwealth Universities (Appts.), 36 Gordon Square, London WC1H 0PF, or from the Registrar, Macquarie University, North Ryde, New South Wales 2113, Australia.
Applications close on 31 May 1974.

University of Surrey

LECTURER IN ECONOMICS

Applications are invited for the above post, tenable from January, 1975. Candidates should be qualified to teach macro economics (theory and policy) up to final year undergraduate level and should already have research to their credit.

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Further particulars may be obtained from the Academic Registrar (LFG), University of Surrey, Guildford, GU2 5XH. Telephone: Guildford 71281, extension 452. Applications in the form of a curriculum vitae including present salary, and the names and addresses of two referees, should be sent to the same address by Friday, 7 June, 1974.

London School of Economics
UNIVERSITY OF LONDON

Applications are invited for appointment from 1 October 1974 to TEMPORARY, ONE-YEAR LECTURESHIPS IN ECONOMICS on the salary scale £2,118 by 16 increments to £4,896 a year plus £162 a year London Allowance, with superannuation benefits. In assessing the starting salary, consideration will be given to qualifications, age, and experience. Applications from candidates qualified to teach quantitative economics are particularly invited.
Applications should be received not later than 24 May 1974 by the Administrative Secretary (T), Economics Department, The London School of Economics and Political Science, Houghton Street, Aldwych, London WC2A 2AE, from whom application forms may be obtained.

The Queen's University of Belfast

LECTURESHIP IN ACCOUNTING SCIENCE

The Senate of The Queen's University of Belfast invites applications for a Lectureship in Accounting Science in the Department of Business Studies, from 1st October, 1974, or such other date as may be arranged. Candidates should be graduates in Economics, Business Studies or a related field and/or members of a professional body of Accountants. Salary scale is £2,118 to £4,896 plus contributory pension rights under the F.S.S.U. Initial placing on the scale will depend on qualifications and experience. Applications should be received by 31st May, 1974. Further particulars may be obtained from The Personnel Officer, The Queen's University of Belfast, BT7 1NN, Northern Ireland. (Please quote Ref. 74/T.)

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DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY

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UNIVERSITY OF YORK
DEPARTMENT OF SOCIOLOGY

SENIOR LECTURESHIP

Re-Advertisement

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UNIVERSITY APPOINTMENTS

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Further information may be obtained from the Association of Commonwealth Universities (Appts), 36 Gordon Square, London WC1H 0PF.

The closing date for applications is 10 May, 1974.

University of Nottingham
Medical School

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The University College of Wales
ABERYSTWYTH

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The Queen's University of Belfast
DEPARTMENT OF BIOCHEMISTRY

POSTDOCTORAL RESEARCH FELLOW

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University of Keele

DEMONSTRATORSHIP IN PSYCHOLOGY

Applications are invited for post of Demonstrator in Psychology tenable from 1st October, 1974. Salary £1,632 per annum (under review). Main duties to assist in running of undergraduate practical classes. Further particulars and application forms from the Registrary, The University, Keele, Staffs, ST5 5BG, to whom completed forms should be returned before the 1st June, 1974.

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C. T. DOLLIMORE,
Registrar.
Town Quay Offices,
Town Quay,
Southampton,
2nd May, 1974.

DIVIDEND NOTICES

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Notice is hereby given that as a MEETING of the BOARD held on 7th May, 1974 the Directors resolved to recommend to the shareholders at the Annual General Meeting to be held on 12th June, 1974, the payment on 1st July, 1974 of a dividend of 2.1 pence per share to Ordinary Shareholders who are on the Register at the close of business on 7th June, 1974 and to the holders of Ordinary Share Coupon No. 105 attached to Ordinary Share Warrants to Bearer.
THE TRANSFER BOOKS will be CLOSED from 7th to 10th June, 1974 both dates inclusive. Coupons must be lodged at the London Bearer Reception Office, 7 Rolls Buildings, Fetter Lane, London EC4A 1HX, and left four clear days for examination. Listing forms can be obtained from that office or on application to Charter Consolidated Limited, Kent House, Station Road, Ashford, Kent TN23 1QB.
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8th May, 1974.

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Notice is hereby given that a PETITION for the WINDING UP of the above-named Company by the High Court of Justice was on the 26th day of April, 1974 presented to the said Court by The Commissioners of Inland Revenue, of Somerset House, Strand, London, WC2R 1LB, and that the said Petition is directed to be heard before the Court sitting at the Royal Courts of Justice, Strand, London, on the 10th day of June, 1974, and any creditor or contributory of the said Company desirous to support or oppose the making of an Order on the said Petition may appear at the time of hearing in person or by his Counsel, for that purpose; and a copy of the Petition will be furnished to any creditor or contributory of the said Company requiring such copy on payment of the regulated charge for the same.
ERIC MOSES, Solicitor of Inland Revenue, Somerset House, Strand, London WC2R 1LB.
NOTE.—Any person who intends to appear on the hearing of the said Petition must serve on or send by post to the above-named notice in writing of his intention so to do. The notice must state the name and address of the person, or, if a firm, the name and address of the firm, and must be signed by the person or firm, or his or their Solicitor (if any) and must be served, or, if posted, must be sent by post in sufficient time to reach the above-named not later than four o'clock in the afternoon of the 7th day of June, 1974.

In the Matter of the Companies Acts, 1948 to 1967 and In the Matter of MACDONALDS OF EPSOM Limited (In Liquidation)
Notice is hereby given pursuant to Section 299 of the Companies Act, 1948, that GENERAL MEETING of the MEMBERS of the above-named Company will be held at the Offices of W. H. Cork, Gully & Co., Chartered Accountants of 19, Eastcheap, London, EC3M 1DA, on Thursday, the 23rd day of May, 1974, at 2.30 p.m. to be followed at 2.45 p.m. by a GENERAL MEETING of the CREDITORS for the purpose of receiving an account of the Liquidator's Acts and Dealings and of the conduct of the Winding-Up to date.
Dated this 26th day of April, 1974.
M. A. JORDAN,
Liquidator.

No. 001009 of 1973
In the HIGH COURT of JUSTICE Chancery Division Companies Court In the Matter of ESS MARKETING Limited and In the Matter of the Companies Act, 1948.
By Order of the Court dated the 6th day of September 1973 it is Ordered that JOHN HERBERT BROWN, of Hartle Buildings, 11 Old Hall Street, Liverpool, L3 9SB in the County of Lancaster, Registered Accountant be and he is hereby appointed LIQUIDATOR of the above-named Company.

In the Matter of TYAS CONSTRUCTION Limited and In the Matter of the Companies Act 1948
By Order of the HIGH COURT of JUSTICE dated the 22nd day of March, 1974 No. 1958 of 1973 MR JOHN ALAN COOK of Barrington House, 2 Bowesfield Lane, Stockton-on-Tees, Co. Durham, has been appointed LIQUIDATOR of the above-named Company WITH A COMMITTEE of INSPECTION. Dated this 6th day of May, 1974.

THE COMPANIES ACT, 1948. In the Matter of O. & M. HASSAN (MODELS) Limited
By Order of the HIGH COURT of JUSTICE dated 18th day of September, 1973 I, MARTIN JOHN SPENCER, of Messrs. Stoy, Harward & Co. 95 Wilmore Street, London, W.1 have been appointed LIQUIDATOR of the above-named Company. All debts and claims should be sent to me.
Dated the 4th day of April, 1974.
M. J. SPENCER,
Liquidator.

LEGAL NOTICES

No. 00977 of 1974
In the HIGH COURT of JUSTICE Chancery Division Companies Court In the Matter of DILO JOINERY Limited and In the Matter of The Companies Act, 1948.
Notice is hereby given, that a PETITION for the WINDING UP of the above-named Company by the High Court of Justice was on the 30th day of April, 1974 presented to the said Court by A. Otby & Son Limited whose registered office is situate at 183-189 High Street, Penge, London, S.E.20, Builders Merchants, and that the said Petition is directed to be heard before the Court sitting at the Royal Courts of Justice, Strand, London, on the 10th day of June, 1974, and any creditor or contributory of the said Company desirous to support or oppose the making of an Order on the said Petition may appear at the time of hearing, in person or by his counsel, for that purpose; and a copy of the Petition will be furnished by the undersigned to any creditor or contributory of the said Company requiring such copy on payment of the regulated charge for the same.
STEPHENSON HARWOOD & TATHAM, Saddlers' Hall, Gutter Lane, Cheapside, London, E.C.2, Solicitors for the Petitioner
NOTE.—Any person who intends to appear on the hearing of the said Petition must serve on, or send by post to, the above-named notice in writing of his intention so to do. The notice must state the name and address of the person, or, if a firm, the name and address of the firm and must be signed by the person or firm, or his or their solicitor (if any) and must be served, or, if posted, must be sent by post in sufficient time to reach the above-named not later than four o'clock in the afternoon of the 7th day of June, 1974.

No. 001091 of 1974
In the HIGH COURT of JUSTICE Chancery Division Companies Court In the Matter of CELINE FINANCE AND INVESTMENT COMPANY Limited and In the Matter of The Companies Act, 1948.
Notice is hereby given, that a PETITION for the WINDING UP of the above-named Company by the High Court of Justice was on the 2nd day of May, 1974, presented to the said Court by Banque Belge Limited, and that the said Petition is directed to be heard before the Court sitting at the Royal Courts of Justice, Strand, London, on the 10th day of June, 1974, and any creditor or contributory of the said Company desirous to support or oppose the making of an Order on the said Petition may appear at the time of hearing, in person or by his counsel, for that purpose; and a copy of the Petition will be furnished by the undersigned to any creditor or contributory of the said Company requiring such copy on payment of the regulated charge for the same.
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1974 V No. 3524
In the HIGH COURT of JUSTICE Chancery Division Liverpool District Registry Group 'A' In the Matter of VERONICA B. WESTON (LEICESTER) Limited and In the Matter of The Companies Act 1948.
Notice is hereby given that a PETITION for the WINDING UP of the above-named Company by the High Court of Justice was on the 6th day of May, 1974, presented to the Court by H. & H. Factors Limited whose Registered Office is situate at Randolph House, Wellesley Road, Croydon, in the County of Greater London, and that the said Petition is directed to be heard before the Court sitting at St. George's Hall, William Brown Street, Liverpool 3, in the Metropolitan County of Merseyside, on the 17th day of June, 1974, and any creditor or contributory of the said Company desirous to support or oppose the making of an Order on the said Petition may appear at the time of hearing in person or by his Counsel for that purpose; and a copy of the Petition will be furnished by the undersigned to any creditor or contributory of the said Company requiring such copy on payment of the regulated charge for the same.
BERMANS, Solicitors for the Petitioner, Pearl Assurance House, 55 Castle Street, Liverpool, L2 9UD.
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No. 00823 of 1974
In the HIGH COURT of JUSTICE Chancery Division In the Matter of NORTHERN PULP SHIPPERS Limited and In the Matter of The Companies Act, 1948.
Notice is hereby given that a PETITION was on the 9th April 1974 presented to Her Majesty's High Court of Justice for the confirmation of the reduction of the Capital of the above-named Company from £200,000 to £150,000 by returning capital which is in excess of the wants of the said Company.
And notice is further given that the said Petition is directed to be heard before The Honourable Mr Justice Plowman at the Royal Courts of Justice, Strand, London, W.C.2, on Monday the 20th day of May 1974.
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Dated this 9th day of May 1974.
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In the Matter of REEDHURST TEXTILES Limited and In the Matter of the Companies Act 1948
Notice is hereby given that the CREDITORS of the above-named Company, which is being VOLUNTARILY WOUND UP, are required, on or before the 14th day of June, 1974, to send in their full Christian and surnames, their addresses and descriptions, full particulars of their debts or claims, and the names and addresses of their Solicitors (if any), to the undersigned PHILIP MONJACK, F.C.A., of 15, Wimpole Street, London, W1M 8JL, the LIQUIDATOR of the said Company, and, if so required by notice in writing from the said Liquidator, are, personally or by their Solicitors, to come in and prove their debts or claims at such time and place as shall be specified in such notice, or in default thereof they will be excluded from the benefit of any distribution made before such debts are proved.
Dated this 25th day of April, 1974.
L. C. CURTIS,
Liquidator.

In the HIGH COURT of JUSTICE Chancery Division Companies Court In the Matter of PANNIER Limited and In the Matter of the Companies Act 1948.
By Order of the High Court of Justice, Chancery Division, dated 27th March, 1974, MR. IAN GLENDINNING WATT of 70 Finsbury Pavement, London, EC2A 1SX, Chartered Accountant, has been appointed LIQUIDATOR of the above-named Company WITH a COMMITTEE of INSPECTION.
Dated this 6th May, 1974.
I. G. WATT,
Liquidator.

LEGAL NOTICES

No. 00986 of 1974
In the HIGH COURT of JUSTICE Chancery Division Companies Court In the Matter of GEM GENERATION Limited and In the Matter of The Companies Act, 1948
Notice is hereby given, that a PETITION for the WINDING UP of the above-named Company by the High Court of Justice was on the 1st day of May 1974, presented to the said Court by Serby (Tenailes) Limited whose registered office is at 19 Cavendish Square, London W1M 0AR, Garment Manufacturers.
And that the said Petition is directed to be heard before the Court sitting at the Royal Courts of Justice, Strand, London, on the 10th day of June 1974, and any creditor or contributory of the said Company desirous to support or oppose the making of an Order on the said Petition may appear at the time of hearing, in person or by his counsel, for that purpose; and a copy of the Petition will be furnished by the undersigned to any creditor or contributory of the said Company requiring such copy on payment of the regulated charge for the same.
BRABY & WALLER, 2/3 Hind Court, Fleet Street, London, EC4A 3DS, Solicitors for the Petitioner.
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No. 00976 of 1974
In the HIGH COURT of JUSTICE Chancery Division Companies Court In the Matter of ASHLEY DARREN INDUSTRIES Limited and In the Matter of The Companies Act, 1948
Notice is hereby given, that a PETITION for the WINDING UP of the above-named Company by the High Court of Justice was on the 30th day of April, 1974, presented to the said Court by Rayman Limited whose registered office is situate at Charrington's House, Bishops Stortford, Herts, Builders Merchants, and that the said Petition is directed to be heard before the Court sitting at the Royal Courts of Justice, Strand, London, on the 10th day of June 1974, and any creditor or contributory of the said Company desirous to support or oppose the making of an Order on the said Petition may appear at the time of hearing, in person or by his counsel, for that purpose; and a copy of the Petition will be furnished by the undersigned to any creditor or contributory of the said Company requiring such copy on payment of the regulated charge for the same.
BRABY & WALLER, 2/3 Hind Court, Fleet Street, London, EC4A 3DS Solicitors for the Petitioner.
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No. 001012 of 1974
IN the HIGH COURT of JUSTICE Chancery Division Companies Court In the Matter of Total Interiors Limited and In the Matter of The Companies Act, 1948
Notice is hereby given that a PETITION for the WINDING UP of the above-named Company by the High Court of Justice was on the 3rd day of May, 1974, presented to the said Court by Carpet Manufacturer Carpets Limited whose registered office is situate at West Street, Denton, Manchester, Tufted Carpet Manufacturers, and that the said Petition is directed to be heard before the Court sitting at the Royal Courts of Justice, Strand, London, WC2A 2LL on the 10th day of June, 1974, and any creditor or contributory of the said Company desirous to support or oppose the making of an Order on the said Petition may appear at the time of hearing, in person or by his counsel, for that purpose; and a copy of the petition will be furnished by the undersigned to any creditor or contributory of the said Company requiring such copy on payment of the regulated charge for the same.
HERBERT OPPENHEIMER, NATHAN & VANDYK, 20 Copthall Avenue, London Wall, London, E.C.2, Solicitors for the Petitioner.
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No 001047 of 1974
In the HIGH COURT of JUSTICE Chancery Division Companies Court In the Matter of D'ART RECORDS Limited and In the Matter of the Companies Act, 1948.
Notice is hereby given, that a PETITION for the WINDING UP of the above-named Company by the High Court of Justice was on the 7th day of May 1974 presented to the said Court by Apollo International Recording Studios Limited whose registered office is situate at 18 Rodmarton Street, London, W.1.
And that the said Petition is directed to be heard before the Court sitting at the Royal Courts of Justice, Strand, London, W.C.2, on the 10th day of June 1974, and any creditor or contributory of the said Company desirous to support or oppose the making of an Order on the said Petition may appear at the time of hearing in person or by his Counsel for that purpose; and a copy of the Petition will be furnished by the undersigned to any creditor or contributory of the said Company requiring such copy on payment of the regulated charge for the same.
LEWIS & DICK, 218 Strand, London, W.C.2, Solicitors for the petitioner.
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In the Matter of the Companies Act, 1948 to 1967 and In the Matter of HARCO (SUPERMARKETS) Limited (In Liquidation).
Notice is hereby given pursuant to Section 299 of the Companies Act, 1948, that a GENERAL MEETING of the MEMBERS of the above-named Company will be held at the Offices of W. H. Cork, Gully & Co., Chartered Accountants, of 19, Eastcheap, London, EC3M 1DA, on Thursday, the 30th day of May 1974, at 11.45 a.m. to be followed at 12 noon by a GENERAL MEETING of the CREDITORS for the purpose of receiving an account of the Joint Liquidators' Acts and Dealings and of the conduct of the Winding-Up to date.
Dated this 2nd day of May, 1974.
N. R. CORK,
Joint Liquidator.

In the Matter of The Companies Acts, 1948 to 1967 and In the Matter of KINGSLEY BUILDING Limited (In Liquidation).
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BETTING, GAMING AND LOTTERIES ACT 1963

I, NORMAN REGINALD BOWL of 1, The Avenue, Ickenham, Middlesex, hereby give notice that on the 1st day of May, 1974, I made application to the Betting Licensing Committee for the Petty Sessional Division of Wellingborough in the County of Northampton for the grant of a BETTING OFFICE LICENCE in respect of premises adjoining Carlton Mews, Higham Ferrers in the County of Northampton.

Any person who desires to object to the grant of the said Licence should send to the Betting Licensing Committee, Wellingborough Magistrates Court, 18 Oxford Street, Wellingborough, Northamptonshire, not later than the 31st day of May, 1974, two copies of a brief statement in writing of the ground of his objection.

Dated the 10th day of May, 1974.

SHARPE & CO., 61/63, Northolt Road, Harrow, Middlesex, Solicitors for the Applicant.

CHARITY COMMISSION

Charity—The Ringsfield Hall Trust. Scheme varying the Trust Deed of the Charity.

Ref.: 264013-A1-LI.

The Charity Commissioners propose to ESTABLISH a SCHEME for this and other purposes. Copies of the proposed Scheme will be supplied on written request to the Charity Commission, 14 Ryder Street, London, S.W.1, quoting the reference above, and may also be seen at that address.

Objections and suggestions may be sent to the Commissioners within one month from today.

DOMESTIC SITUATIONS

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ABBEY HOTEL PENZANCE needs help in kitchen and reception departments, experience unnecessary. Interest in good food essential. Write or phone Penzance 4111.

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ALL POSITIONS for Domestic Staff (Cadogan Bureau, 01-589 4401

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Notice is hereby given that ANTONIA ALAFOUZOS of 17 Clareville Grove, London SW7 5AY, is applying to the Home Secretary for naturalisation, and that any person who knows any reason why naturalisation should not be granted should send a written and signed STATEMENT of the facts to the Under-Secretary of State, Home Office (Nationality Division), Lunar House, 40 Wellesley Rd., Croydon CR9 2BY.

Notice is hereby given that GEORGE LAZARE ALAFOUZOS, of 17 Clareville Grove, London SW7 5AU, is applying to the Home Secretary for naturalisation, and that any person who knows any reason why naturalisation should not be granted should send a written and signed STATEMENT of the facts to the Under-Secretary of State, Home Office (Nationality Division), Lunar House, 40 Wellesley Rd., Croydon CR9 2BY.

NALGO PROVIDENT SOCIETY
Register No. 444F—London

Notice is hereby given that the Society's ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING will be held in the William IV Room, The Dome, Brighton, on WEDNESDAY, 17th July, 1974, at 4.30 p.m., to consider the following agenda :

Minutes of the last Annual General Meeting. Election of Committee of Management. Annual Report, Financial Statement and Balance Sheet. Appointment of Auditor, any other business.

G. A. DRAIN,
Secretary.

NALGO House,
8, Harewood Row,
London, NW1 6SQ.

THE ONE HUNDRED AND SEVENTIETH ANNUAL MEETING of members of THE BRITISH AND FOREIGN BIBLE SOCIETY will be held at Surrey University, Guildford, on SATURDAY, 15th JUNE, 1974, at 11.0 a.m. to receive the Annual Report and to adopt the audited Income and Expenditure Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1973, to elect the Treasurer and thirty-six lay members of the General Committee and to appoint the Auditors.

Nominations for election to the General Committee must be received in writing by Friday, 7th June, 1974. Only members of the Society may nominate and candidates for election must also be members of the Society.

THE ANNUAL GENERAL COURT OF THE CLERGY ORPHAN CORPORATION will be held at the Office, 5 Verulam Buildings, Gray's Inn, London WC1R 5LS on Friday 17th May 1974 at 3.15 p.m.

Royal Agricultural Society of England

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, in accordance with the Society's Revised Supplemental Charter of 1953, and the Bye-Laws made thereunder, the ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF GOVERNORS AND MEMBERS of the Royal Agricultural Society of England will be held in the Conference Centre at the National Agricultural Centre, Stoneleigh, on Thursday, 30th May, 1974, at 12 noon, to consider the accounts and balance-sheet for the period ending 30th September 1973 and the report of the Auditors ; to elect a President, a Chairman of Council, Trustees and Vice-Presidents ; to hold office for the next ensuing year (October 1974 to September 1975) and to elect Auditors to hold office until the next ensuing Annual General Meeting ; and to take cognisance of the appointment by the Council of nominated Members of Council and of the election of ordinary Members of Council made by Divisions pursuant to the Bye-Laws.

The business will include consideration and, if thought fit, approval of resolutions designed to :

a) re-align the electoral divisions of the Society to conform with the new county and other administrative boundary areas by amendment to Bye-Law 42, Bye-Law 44 (First Schedule) and Bye-Law 46 (Second Schedule) ; and further

b) to re-adjust, by amendment to Bye-Law 43, the proportion of Council representation to members within each electoral division to the following scale :

Number of Governors and Members in the Division	Number of Ordinary Members of Council who may be elected
or less	One
ceding 200, not exceeding 600	Two
ceding 600 but not exceeding 900	Three
ceding 900 but not exceeding 1,200	Four
ding 1,200	Five

By Order of the Council,
HOWARD V. FOX
Secretary

GRAVE SQUARE, LONDON, SW1X 8QN

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REQUIRED YOUNG ENGLISH-SPEAKING LADY, max. 25, good education, attractive, lively, very patient, preferably blonde, to help speaking French, car driver, to live in family luxury flat, Paris, minimum six months, be companion and teach young French lady English also converse to perfect husband's English. Free mornings or afternoons. Salary to be discussed.—Apply with very personal details, if possible photo, to Lamonaca, 66 Rue Nicolo, 75016 Paris. Interview to follow.

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th petrol back in full flow and the porary speed limit lifted, the orist may be forgiven for assuming t everything at his local filling tion will be as before. If so, he may in for a few surprises.

he energy crisis, apart from making rol scarcer and dearer, affected the age forecourt in two ways. Opening rs, particularly in the evenings and weekends, have been severely tricted and there has been a sharp uction in cut-price petrol, trading nps and special offers.

rom the retailer's point of view the is has not been entirely unwelcome rough some of the smaller men have n forced to close. Profit margins e gone up from 4p to 5p a gallon and shorter opening hours and restric- is on stamps and the like have pro- ed savings. Some garages have been nuch as £2,000 a week better off.

o there will be no universal desire to resume Sunday and late evening opening, although no filling station is going to deny itself the lucrative pickings of say, a holiday resort at the height of the season. But the man who usually sells only a small amount of petrol by staying open to the small hours or on Sunday may decide to abandon the practice.

That need not be a tragedy for the motorist. After all, we have managed fairly well these past few months to adapt our petrol purchases to the restricted opening hours, and there can be few family saloons these days that have not a range of 200 to 250 miles between fill-ups. And there will always be some garages open seven days a week, for instance on motorways.

Perhaps the best compromise that would serve the interests of both motorist and filling station is some sort of "chemists' rota" system by which forecourts would take it in turn to serve an area. I see that the Motor Agents' Association, which represents about 85 per cent of the British garage trade, is officially recommending such a scheme to its members. The alternative is the greater use of self-service pumps with coin-operated or note-acceptor machines, but at present such equipment seems not to be tough enough to withstand misuse and vandalism.

As for trading stamps and special offers, when I last wrote on that subject I had many letters from readers who were unanimous in preferring cheaper petrol to a give-away. And some retailers complained that the cost of providing stamps or free glasses was often not covered by increased sales.

An oil company executive to whom I spoke this week said he deplored attempts to sell petrol through stamps and promotional gimmicks and preferred to compete with cleaner and more attractive forecourts and better service. But, he added with some regret, if rival companies resumed those methods, his forecourts would have no option but to join in.

The oil industry seems to be in general agreement with the forecast of Sir Eric Drake, chairman of BP, that petrol prices will go up again soon, perhaps by as much as 5p a gallon. So far there has been no evidence that rising prices have cut demand, but now that supplies are unrestricted it will be interesting to see whether the 60p gallon, if it comes, does make drivers sit up and take notice.

Next year the first North Sea petrol should be at the pumps, but it will be 1978 before it is sold in large quantities. The importance of the North Sea will not, unfortunately, lie in price reductions, although price rises may be less steep than otherwise, but in making us less dependent on the Arab sheikhs.

One certain casualty of the attempt to make petrol cleaner by reducing and eventually eliminating its lead content will be the five-star grade, as the point will come when it will be impossible without lead to secure the prescribed octane rating. Most new car engines are being designed to run on lower grades, and already five-star is the least popular of the four grades, accounting for only 10 to 12 per cent of all sales.

oad test: Luxury of Volvo 164 TE

his super-luxury version of the six- nder Volvo had the misfortune to e on the British market just before fuel crisis began last autumn and it hardly the sort of car to think of ing with petrol on the verge of being oned. But now that the temporary ph limit has gone and fuel supplies normal, one need not feel so guilty ut big, luxury cars. In any case, on overall figure of 18 miles to the on, the 164 is by no means the riest car on the road, and the on who can afford to buy it in the place will not be greatly deterred he cost of the fuel.

olvo's admirable emphasis in its rtising on safety features and the pany's cautious model policy may to foster the image of a marque that orthy but rather dull. Anyone who ks this cannot have driven the 164 ntly, for it is anything but sluggish, ery quiet and comfortable, and in TE version, is as well equipped as h more expensive models.

e Volvo is a large and heavy car and ls a powerful engine. The 2,979cc ylinder unit of the 164 is well ed to the task, being smooth, quiet lively, taking the car from 0 to ph in just under 9 seconds, giving llent top gear acceleration and ing over at our permitted 70 mph n effortless 2,800 rpm. The only ish on an otherwise quiet ride is an sive amount of wind noise at speed. car is capable of 115 mph.

he suspension is on the soft side, ch helps in soaking up bumps and ancing the comfortable ride but allows considerable roll on corner- The car generally handles better you feel it should, holding the l well and understeering only ly on bends. But as with other big, erful cars, caution should be rcised in the wet. The power steer- has a lot more feel than, say, ar's, but is in no sense heavy, and brakes respond admirably. I never the slightest difficulty starting car from cold and I can thoroughly mmend the automatic gearbox.

he interior gives ample room for to five people and the front seats almost infinitely adjustable: even the very large steering wheel can e it a tight squeeze for the driver's ns. The seats are well shaped and padded and trimmed with leather, and the driving seat now heats automatically when the temperature in the car drops below 14°. To justify its luxury tag, the TE is equipped with air-conditioning—not too easy to regulate—headlamp wash-wiper and eight-track stereo.

As usual on a Volvo, the safety features demand a full paragraph to themselves. Besides such now familiar items as the tank-like body shell, triangle-split brake system and laminated screen, the present model has huge shock-absorbing bumpers which leave the car unscathed in impacts of up to 5 mph, a four-stage collapsible steering column and a seat-belt warning light/tick which stops only when belts are fastened.

The 164TE is an enjoyable car as well as a safe one, although at £4,019 it is almost the same price as the automatic Jaguar XJ6.

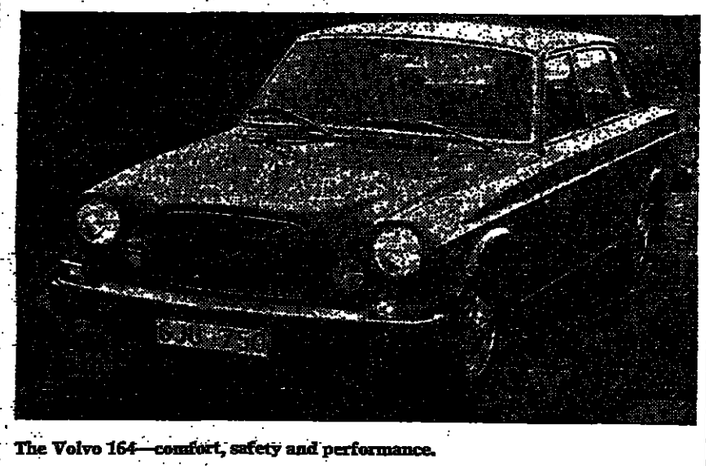
Japanese cars

It is hard to remember that only seven years ago Japanese cars were virtually unknown in this country: now Datsun, Toyota, Mazda and Honda are names as familiar as Austin and Ford. As reported recently, the number of Japanese marques sold here increases to five in the autumn with the introduction of the Suzuki baby car, and there is speculation that a sixth, Subaru, will appear on the British market in 1975.

According to that Bible of the automobile, *World Cars* (the 1974 edition has just been published by Herald Books at £6.50) Subaru makes two small car ranges; the two-cylinder rear-engined 358cc Rex, and the flat-four-cylinder, Leone, which offers a choice of 1,200 and 1,400cc engines. The Rex seems unlikely to be sold in Britain but the Leone, which sounds quite an advanced car with all-independent suspension and front-wheel drive, could do well here.

Subaru's problem is finding someone willing to sell the cars in Britain. Datsun did consider the idea—Nissan, which makes Datsuns, has a stake in Subaru—but came to the conclusion that it would not make sense to launch the Subaru in direct competition with its own cars, notably the successful Sunny. That may leave the way clear for a big group that already had interests in two other car importers.

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v are we managing for managers? The Money Programme brings discussion to bear on most prestigious subject of our business theory (BBC2 8.15). If, however, you hanker after serious matters you may care to notice that while the incidentals of Hughie Green's quiz change, the old master himself is just the same as ever (ITV 7.0). The festival of Fellini's s continues with 8½, his film about making a film (BBC2 9.0) and later there is a second ice to see Stanley Baxter's latest and often hilarious send-up of cinema and tv (ITV 0).—L.B.

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News. 6.00, Nation- wide.* Film: The Great Sioux Uprising (1953), with Jeff Chandler, Faith Domergue. It's a Knockout. News. Fall of Eagles. Talk-in to Day. Jan Morris faces her critics. News. Film: Blueprint for Murder (1953), with Joseph Cotten, Jean Peters, Gary Merrill.* ım Weather. k and white.

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hames. 5.15, Doris Day. 6.00, Westward Diary. 7.00, London. 10.32, ews. 10.35, Late with, Film: Hysteria, with or, Maurice Denham.* a for Life.

BBC 2

6.40-7.05 am, Open University:* Biological Bases of Behaviour. 11.00-11.25, Play School. 5.25, Open University:* Reading Development. 5.50, Technology. 6.15, System Behaviour. 6.40, Design by Design. 7.05, Open University:* Instrumentation.
7.30 News Summary.
7.35 Now and Then.
7.45 Gardeners' World.
8.15 Money Programme: Can You Manage?
9.00 Film by Federico Fellini: 8½ (1962), with Marcello Mastroianni, Claudia Cardinale, Anouk Aimée, Sandra Milo.*
11.10 News Extra.
11.35-12.05, am, Edition.

ATV

12.05 pm, Thames. 5.20, The Flintstones. 5.50, News. 6.00, ATV Today. 6.35, Crossroads. 7.00, London. 10.30-12.10 am, Film: Dr Blood's Coffin, with Kieron Moore, Hazel Court, Ian Hunter.

Border

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12.05 pm, Rainbow. 12.25, A Handful of Songs. 12.40, News. 1.00, Country Hoedown. 1.30, Crown Court. 2.00, General Hospital. 2.30, Good Afternoon! 2.50, Racing from Lingfield and Showjumping from Windsor. 4.20, Timeslip. 4.50, Kids in the Country. 5.20, I Dream of Jeannie.
5.50 News. 6.00, Today.
6.35 Crossroads.

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7.00 The Sky's the Limit.
7.30 The Zoo Gang.
8.30 My Old Man.
9.00 The Aweful Mr Goodall.
10.00 News.
10.30 Police Five.
10.40 Stanley Baxter Big Picture Show.
11.40 Film. The Little Ones (1964), with Dudley Foster.*
12.50 Beyond Hatred.

Ulster

12.05 pm, Thames. 5.20, Dusty's Trail. 5.50, News. 6.00, UTV Reports. 6.35, ATV. 7.00, London. 10.30, Stanley Baxter Big Picture Show. 11.30-12.25 am, Journey to the Unknown.

Radio

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6.00 am, News. Simon Bates.† 7.00, Noel Edmonds. 9.00, Tony Blackburn. 12.00, Johnnie Walker. 2.00 pm, David Hamilton. 5.00, Rosko's Round Table. 7.02, Sendi Jones.† 7.30, Sais Sonne- thing Simple.† 8.00, Concert. London green Berlin. 10.00, Rockspeak.† 11.00, News. 12.05 am, Night Ride.† 2.00, News.
† Stereo.

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6.00 am, Radio 1. 7.02, Terry Wogan† (8.27, Racing bulletin). 9.02, Pete Murray. (10.30, Waggoners' Walk). 11.30, Jimmy Young.† 2.05, Jazz for Fun. 2.32, Tony Brandon.† 4.15, Waggoners' Walk.) 5.02, Don Durbridge.† 6.45, Sports Desk. 7.02, Radio 1. 10.02, Late Night Extra. 12.00-2.02 am, Radio 1.

3
7.00 am, News. 7.05, Chuck Berry, Mozart. 8.00, News. 8.05, Recital, Bruch, Dvorak.† 9.00, News. 9.05, Tchaikovsky.† 9.55, Cello and Piano: Prokofiev, Sonata in C.† 10.25, BBC Northern Ireland Orchestra: Bapge, Grieg, Purcell. Joseph.† 11.05, Chamber Music for Strings: Debussy, Brahms.† 12.10 pm, Words: David Watt. 12.15, Midday Concert, part 1: Elgar, Haydn.† 1.00, News. 1.05, Playbill.† 1.26, Concert, part 2: Berlioz.† 2.15, French Song: Ravel.† 2.40, Royal Repertoire: Phoenix Folk and Chord Game.† 4.05, Piano Recital: Schonberg, Webern, Messiaen.† 4.40, The Fruit of Laborious Study.† 5.45, Homeward Bound. 6.05, News. 6.10, Homeward Bound, continued. 6.30, Working the System. 7.00, Latin America.

Southern

12.05 pm, Thames. 2.30, Women Only. 2.50, Thames. 5.20, Fable. 5.25, Crossroads. 5.50, News. 6.00, Day by Day. Scene South East. 6.35, The Partridge Family. 7.00, London. 10.30, Weekend. 10.40, London. 11.35, Hawaii Five-O. 12.30 am, Southern News. 12.40, Weather. Guideline.

Granada

12.05 pm, Thames. 2.30, Crossroads. 2.50, Thames. 5.15, Bridget Loves Bernie. 5.50, News. 6.00, Granada Reports. What's On. 6.25, The Cowboys. 7.00, Orson Welles Mysteries. 7.30, London. 10.30, Kick Off. 11.00, Film: Tomorrow is Forever, with Claudette Colbert, Orson Welles.* 12.50-1.25 am, Scotland Yard Casebook.*

Yorkshire

12.05pm, Thames. 5.20, The Partridge Family. 5.50, News. 6.00, Calendar. 6.35, ATV. 7.00, London. 10.30, Stanley Baxter Big Picture Show. 11.30-12.25 am, Film: Peter Reynolds and Carol White in Goodbreak.*

Radio

7.30, BBC Symphony Orchestra: Stravinsky, Brahms.† 8.15, Critics' Forum. 9.10, Schubert, Beethoven.† 10.10, Nicanor Zabaleta (harp), part 1: Bach, Corelli, Vivoti, Elias Parish-Alvars.† 10.35, Reading. 11.05, Recital, part 2: Bacarisse, Tournier, Granados Halffter, Salzedo.† 11.55-12.00, News.

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6.20 am, News. 6.22, Farming. 6.40, Prayer. 6.45, Travel News. 6.55, Weather. 7.00, News. 7.25, Sportsdesk. 7.35, Today's Papers. 7.45, Thoughts for the Day. 7.50, Travel News. 7.55, Weather. 8.00, News. 8.25, Sportsdesk. 8.55, Today's Papers. 8.45, Yesterday in Parliament. 9.00, News. 9.05, Friday Call: 01-580 4411: The Effluent Society. 10.00, News. 10.05, Checkpoint. 10.30, Service. 10.45, Story. 11.00, News. 11.05, My Music.† 11.40, News. 12.02, You and Yours. 12.27, Twenty Questions. 1.25, Weather. 1.00 pm, The World at One. 1.30, The Archers. 1.45, Woman's Hour. 2.45, Listen with Mother. 3.00, News. 3.05, Play. How I Came to Help People. 4.00, News. 4.05, Any Answers? 4.35, Story Time: The Smuts Story. 5.00, PM Reports. 5.55, Weather. 6.00, News. 6.05, Brain of Britain 1974. 6.45, The Archers. 7.00, News Desk. 7.30, Pick of the Week. 8.30, Any Questions? 9.15, Letter from America. 9.30, Kaleidoscope. 10.00, The World Tonight. 10.45, Book at Bedtime: St. Bo. 11.00, The Financial World Tonight. 11.15, Today in Parliament. 11.25, Week Ending. 11.40, News. 12.01-12.04 am, Inshore Forecast.

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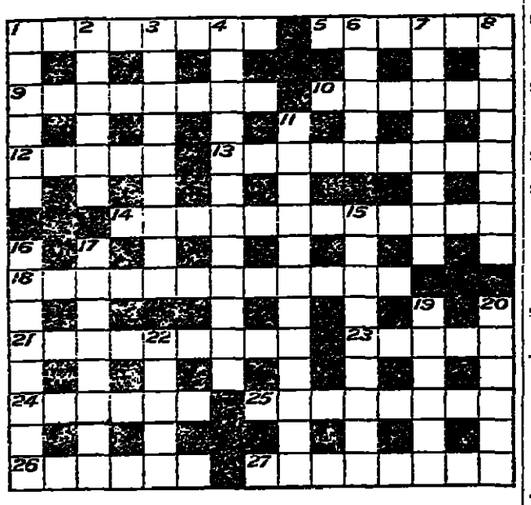
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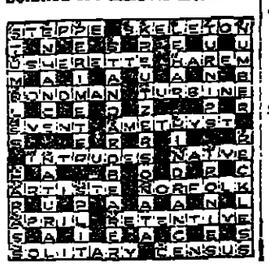
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1 Two legal actions for one's travelling companion (4-4).
5 Colour that's patchy in the passage (6).
9 Marine butterflies? (8).
10 Man on watch (6).
12 The same again, so Jacques says to this (5).
13 For example, a linner entangled in a bush (9).
14 Kohoutek's brilliant predecessor (7, 5).
15 Unconnected with a change that's acquiesced in (12).
21 Fashionable newspaper 1 cent? That's not like life! (5).
22 Disgruntled horse-follower (5).
24 Hard-wearing pitcher? (6).
25 Supplied with strings attached (8).
26 *Tenders* for railwaymen to ship round the point (6).
27 Secret coteries, perhaps (8).

DOWN

1 Stern-sounding character's drink (6).
2 Ship's officer at home in the institution? (6).
3 Sea-bird of bulbous growth or an insect (9).
4 Outlook brighter for those living under a cloud (6, 6).
6 Lord whose daughter didn't get away with marrying her chief (5).
7 Fees for professional instruction above par? (8).
8 Yet a rent may be adjusted by prayer (8).
11 Make-up for deck-hands (7-5).
15 Tax on item of skittles equipment found in a dairy (6-3).
16 Bars in C one transposed for a Russian composer (8).
17 A line in heavy pullovers (3-2-3).
19 Aircraft reminds us of the river Duddon (Wordsworth) (6).
20 Cambridge senate committee member who ate in a business combine (6).
22 Bird dives back into the iceberg (5).

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MARRIAGES

BRAZIER : PINLEY.—On 4th May, 1974, at St. James's, Dursley, Glos., Alan, only son of Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Brazier, of Wotton, Somerset, to Nicola, younger daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Francis Penley, of Uley, Glos.

REID : DAFFORN.—On 7th May, 1974, at St. Philip's Church, Alderley Edge, by the Rev. F. H. B. Leece, *Cecil Douglas Reid*, B.L. (Edin), of 41 Dalhousie Terrace, Edinburgh, to Joyce Elizabeth Daffern, of Grovely Cottage, Davey Lane, Alderley Edge, Cheshire. Future address: Grovely Cottage, Davey Lane, Alderley Edge, Cheshire.

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BARKLEY.—On 9th May, 1974, Hilda Wolsten (nee Coote), at her home, 37 Tregunter Rd., S.W.10, aged 92, widow of Colonel Macdonald Barkley, C.B., late of Huntingdon, and beloved mother of Hazel. Cremation private.

BARNETT, V. H. (Sid).—Peacefully at his home, 9 Birch Hollow, Edgbaston, Birmingham 15, On May 8th, 1974. Beloved husband of Prue and dearly loved father of Ann and Marion, loving grandpa of Mark, David, Susan and Marion. Service at Edgbaston Old Church on Monday, May 13th, at 2 p.m., followed by interment at Lodge Hill Cemetery. Flowers, if wished, to N. Wheatley and Sons, Queens House, 430 Moseley Rd., Birmingham 12, before noon, please.

BEALE.—On May 7th, 1974, at Grasscroft Nursing Home, 76 Wimborne Road, Bournemouth, peacefully after much suffering, Margherita (Rita) in her 87th year. Widow of Alderman Herbert Beale, beloved mother of Beryl Morris, Joanna Crabtree and Patricia Leggett, cherished mother-in-law, grandmother and great grandmother. Funeral service Monday, May 13th, at 3.15 p.m. at Richmond Hill United Reform Church, Bournemouth, followed by private cremation. By her special request, family flowers only, please, but if desired donations in her memory for Victoria Home and School for Physically Handicapped Children, Poole, may be sent to Doris Scott, Portman Lodge Funeral Home, 255 Christchurch Road, Bournemouth.

BISCHOFF.—On 6th May, 1974, in London, Flora Homera, aged 98, youngest daughter of the late Thomas William Bischoff, of Ditton Hill, Surrey. Funeral at 3 p.m. on Friday, May 10th, at St. Mary's Church, Long Ditton. Flowers to J. H. Kenyon Ltd., 81 Westbourne Grove, London, W.2, by 9.30 a.m., Friday, if possible, please.

BOULTON.—On May 7th, 1974, Frederic Dudley Ellis, of 33, Warwick Gardens, Thames Ditton, Surrey, beloved husband of Ethel and dear father of Muriel Gilbert. Cremation at Randalls Park, Leatherhead, 1 p.m., Monday, May 13th, 1974. No flowers, please, but donations to N.S.C.R., 30, Dorset Square, W.1.

BOWYER.—On 7th May, Lieut.-Commander J. F. Bowyer, C.B., R.N. (Retired), at a Sussex nursing home. Funeral private.

CHARLTON.—On May 9th, Marian (Aussie May), aged 93 after a long illness courageously borne, dearly loved widow of Will Charlton of Purley, Surrey. Mother of Denys, Noel and Graham and Grandmother of Antony, Jane, Toni and Sarah. Funeral service, All Saints church, Sanderstead on May 15, 1974 at 2.30 p.m. Family flowers only to Ebbutt Funeral Service, 89 High St., Croydon. Donations if desired to Cancer Research Campaign, Town Hall, Croydon.

CITKOWITZ, ISRAEL.—On 4th May, in his sleep, Israel Citkowitz, composer, aged 65.

CORY.—On May 7th at his home 110 Clifton Rd., Shefford, Beds, John *Frederick Tomerson*, aged 86 years. Funeral service, Higham Gobion Church, Beds, on Monday, May 13th, at 11 a.m. Enquiries and flowers to George Squire and Sons, Funeral Directors, Shefford, Beds. Hitchin 51228.

DEAKIN.—On May 4th, 1974 peacefully at Bournemouth Nursing Home, Francis Henry, aged 87 years, of 90 Ruth Hill Court, Bournemouth, husband of Mildred. No flowers, no letters, please. Funeral private for family only.

DREW.—On May 7, 1974 Irene Winifred Margaret Dyer of Normanton Watson Road, Knebworth, Herts. Dear wife of Edwin Arthur Drew, O.B.E. Funeral service at St. Martin's, Knebworth, on May 14, at 11 a.m., followed by cremation at Luton Crematorium, at 12 noon. No flowers.

ELLES.—On 9th May, Mabel, of Manor, Littleton, peacefully in Portugal, where she was born, dearly loved by all her family. Funeral in Portugal. No flowers.

FOURMAINTRAUX. RACHEL MARY.—On the 6th May at home, Harrow Weald. Funeral at Wandsworth Cemetery, Friday, 10th, 2.30.

FAIRMAN.—On May 8th, 1974, after a long illness bravely borne, Geoffrey Frederick of Kit Cottage, Chardstock, Devon, formerly of Horley, Surrey, beloved husband of Margaret and dear father of Marian and Richard. Funeral service Chardstock Parish church on Tuesday at 12 noon. Family flowers only but donations if desired to The Richard Dimbleby Cancer Fund.

FREEMAN.—On 8th May, 1974, at Paunton, Agnes Ethel, spinster of Bexley, Cranham and Bower Trasey. Cremation at Torquay, 2.30 p.m., Monday 13th May.

GIBB.—On 2nd May 1974, Alexander Ronald Gibb, T.D., L.D.S., R.C.S., Edin., at Burcot House, Wing, Buckinghamshire, late Major A.D. Corps, and of 98 Harley Street, W.1, aged 73, son of the late Mr. and Mrs. *Robert Gibb* of 92 Polwarth Terrace, Edinburgh, dear husband of Joan, nee Bate, and much loved father of Jacquie and Robert. Funeral private, no flowers, by his own wish.

GOUGH.—On May 8th, 1974, at her home, Garthdale, Pantymwyn, Mold, Josephine, aged 90, widow of Arthur R. C. Gough, late of Tynes-Canna, Nanpantan, Loughboro, Hurst House and Arthur Gur. Funeral service in St. Mary's Parish Church, Mold, Saturday, May 11th at 11 a.m. prior to interment at St. Mary's Parish Churchyard, Northop, at 11.45. Enquiries, Buckley 2957.

HUNDLEY-SMITH.—On May 8th, in Monterrat, James Dury, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., much-loved husband of Ruth and father of David and Robin.

HOLMAN.—On 8th May, 1974, peacefully, Hilda, widow of Clifford Clay Holman. Cremation Friday, 10th May, at Salisbury. Please no letters, no flowers, but if desired donations to Help The Aged, 13 Magdalen St., Oxford.

HOLT.—Suddenly on May 5th, 1974, Norman Holt, of Lancaster, Crakell Rd., Reigate, aged 68 years. Funeral service Reigate Parish Church on Tuesday, May 14, at 10.30 a.m. Flowers to Stoneman Funeral Services, *Doran Court, Redhill.*

HOPE.—On 7th May, 1974, the Hon. Joan, aged 75, of Middlesex Hospital Requiem Mass at St. Mary's, Caldogan Street, S.W.1, 11 a.m. Thursday, 16th May.

HUMPHRIES.—On 8th May, 1974, peacefully, at Abercorn House, Amy Violet Humphries (formerly of Old Palace, Canterbury), much loved sister of Kathleen. Funeral, Holy Trinity Parish Church, Hawker, Camberley, on Monday, 13th May, at 2.45 p.m., followed by interment.

KEANE.—On 7th May at Hanover Farm, Addington, Bucks., Horace, formerly of California, and a member of "The Early Birds of Aviation".

KIDD.—On 7th May, 1974, suddenly, at his home, Arnleys Cottage, 24, Woodland Rd., Great Shelford, Cambridge, *Franklin Kidd*, C.B.E., M.A., D.Sc., F.R.S., husband of Joan Holmwood, Railtower Road, South Heath, Great Missenden, Bucks. *Cremation at the Chilterns Crematorium*, Old Amersham, Bucks, at 4 p.m. on Monday, 13th. Arrangements by Cook's, Broad Street, Chesham 4215[1].

LESTER. ELIZABETH RUTH (nee Tyrrell), widow of Sean Lester, at her home, Riversdale House, Riversdale Avenue, Busby Park Road, Dublin. Deeply mourned by her daughters, Dorothy Mary, Ann and Patricia, by her sons-in-law and her grandchildren and family. Funeral at Christ Church, Clifden, Co. Galway, tomorrow (Friday) at 10 a.m.

LISTER.—On May 7th, 1974, at his home in Cheltenham, Major Charles Martin Lister, M.C., loved husband of the late Frances (Fan) and father of Elaine, Audrey and Pob. Funeral service at Cheltenham Crematorium on Monday, May 13th, at 12 noon.

McCARTHY.—On May 6th, suddenly, Brendan Joseph McCarthy, C.Eng., M.I.C.E., M.I.W.E., dearest husband of Mary, father of Christopher, Michael and Adrian.

McCLELLAND.—On May 9th in a Bristol hospital, Hugh Anderson, aged 67 years.

MORRIS.—On May 8th, peacefully, at home, 19 Beacon Hill Court, Hindhead, Elsie Ida, aged 87. Cremation at Aldershot on Monday, May 13, at 12 noon.

MOUNT.—On May 7th, 1974, at St. Peter's Hospital, Chertsey, Harold William, beloved husband of Mary. The Grove, Beechwood Avenue, Weybridge, Surrey.

OSBORNE, JANET, previously Cole (nee Clarkson). on May 4th, 1974, at Auckland, New Zealand, aged 64.

PONSFORD.—On 8th May, 1974, *Winifred*, aged 93 years, at her home, 4, Burnsfield Lane, East Hoathly, Lewes, Sussex, wife of the late Reginald Ponsford, mother of Ruth, Mary, Keith Joan, Ian and Anita, much loved wife, mother, grandmother and great grandmother. Family flowers only but donations if desired to Kathleen Ferrier Memorial Research. Funeral at East Heathly Parish Church on Friday, 10th May, at 2.30 p.m. Committal at Wood Vale Crematorium, Lewes Road, Brighton, at 3.30 p.m.

ROBERTS.—On May 6th, 1974, at Guys Hospital, Kenneth Richard Soare Roberts (late of Lloyds Bank), aged 64, after a courageous fight and devoted care, dearly loved brother of K. and Ethel. Cremation at Golders Green, Monday, 13th May, at 3.30 p.m. Letters to 19 Double Street, Framlingham, Suffolk. No flowers, please.

ROYDS.—On 7th May, 1974, peacefully, Doris M. Royds (nee Hall), formerly of Haytards Heath, aged 91, beloved mother of Tom Brooker and of Virginia John and Alexander Royds.

SAVAGE.—On May 7th, 1974, at a nursing home in Sussex, Frances Mary Ann Savage, aged 91 years, dearest sister of Grace Savage. Cremation at Eastbourne Crematorium, 4 p.m. Monday, May 13th.

SCOTT.—On April 29th, in Bangkok, Thailand, Charles Boon-Chuey, M.B.E.

SNOWDEN.—On 6th May, 1974, peacefully after an illness borne with immense courage and faith Ferguson Farry Clare, dear, dear wife of Robert and beloved mother of Clare, Anthony, Neil and Ian. Funeral service at Hampstead Parish Church, 3.10 Monday, 13th May. No flowers but donations to Doctor David Sheard Appeal Fund, Royal Free Hospital, Grays Inn Road, London, W.C.1.

SPURRIER.—On May 7th, Dorothy Florence, dearly loved wife of The Rev. Cuthbert Spurrier. Funeral: Heighington, Friday, 2.30 p.m.

TATTON.—On May 7th, 1974, at Portobello, Dalry, Anderson, Stewart Alexander Tatton, formerly Managing Director of William Tatton & Company Limited, of Leek. The funeral service will be held at St. Edward's Church, Leek, Staffordshire, on Friday, May 10th at 3.00 p.m. It is requested that there be no flowers or letters. Enquiries to S. Sadler & Sons, Funeral Directors, telephone Leek 2048.

TONDEUR.—On 7th May, suddenly, at the Villa Anita, Le Rouret, A.M. France, Rene Tondeur, aged 81, of Mill Cottage, Lechlade, Glos., dear cousin of Gisele Sewell, Lechlade.

TUPMAN.—On May 5th, 1974, peacefully, of a stroke, at home in Lennox, Marjorie Tupman. Funeral service on May 11th at St. Cyprian's Church, Lennox, near Glasgow, at 10.15 a.m., followed by cremation.

FUNERALS

HILL.—On 9th May, 1974, suddenly, at Bromley, Robert Douglas Hill, aged 59, greatly loved husband of Lilian Hill and very dear father of Helen. The funeral service will be held on Wednesday, 15th May, at 12.40 p.m. at Beckenham Crematorium. No flowers, by request.

MEMORIAL SERVICES

CHARRINGTON.—A service of thanksgiving for the life of Jack Charrington will be held at the Church of All Hallows-by-the-Tower, Byward Street, E.C.3, on Thursday, May 30th, at 11.00 a.m.

ERSKINE.—A service of thanksgiving for the life of Keith Erskine will be held in St. Paul's Cathedral on Monday, May 20, 1974 at 12 noon.

MURPHY.—Requiem Mass will be said for *Louis Michael Murphy* on Tuesday, 21st May, at 11.00 a.m. at the Catholic Church, Dalkeith.

ROBINSON.—A Memorial Service for Sir Leslie Robinson will be held at St. Lawrence Jewry, London, E.C.2, at 12 noon on Tuesday, May 14th.

SITWELL.—The memorial plaque to Major General H. D. W. Sitwell, C.B., C.V.O., M.C., F.S.A., sometime Keeper of the Jewel House, will be unveiled on Sunday, 19th May, 1974, at 11 am, during morning service at St. Peter ad Vincula, Tower of London.

TYMES.—A memorial service for Lieutenant Colonel E. G. Syms (Sam) will be held at St. Mary's Church, Cerne Abbas, Dorset, on Tuesday, May the 21st, at 2 p.m.

IN MEMORIAM

3rd IND. INF. BRIGADE.—In proud memory of all members of the Brigade who gave their lives in the campaigns in Burma from 1945 to 45—particularly those who fell in the operations in Arakan and in the battles in and around Kohima.

BRYANT. RICHARD.—Constant memories of many great times together.—Robin.

DU BOISSON, MEGAN, died May 10, 1969

Wise men have said so much
But few have said more
Than those few words
Of Solomon
Who said of old
"Give me my deeper thirsting after life."

DU BOISSON.—In memory of Megan Du Boisson, founder and first Honorary Director of The Disablement Income Group who died in a road accident on 10th May, 1969. Herself disabled, she created in her short years a public awareness of the difficulties which disabled people have to face in everyday life. Through her work, which continues, the time when these will be overcome has surely been brought much nearer.

ROBEY.—Precious memories of Patricia, my very dearest eldest son. Unceasing love always.—Mother

THOMAS.—In loving memory of Arthur Hugh Miller Thomas, died in Sao Paulo, Brazil, on the 10th May, 1960.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

SMIRKE

Mr CHARLIE SMIRKE and Mrs JOAN WOOD and it impossible to answer the numerous letters received during their honeymoon and so wish to thank everyone for cards and telegrams and the very kind letters, flowers and generous donations to the Cancer Research Fund.

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